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Rivero: PCSO scam part of media plan

BY CHRISTINE AVENDAÑO AND ARMAND NOCUM

THE ALLEGED diversion of funds of the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office was only a part of a larger media plan to enhance the image of President Macapagal-Arroyo in preparation for the 2004 elections, former consultant to the PCSO general manager, Robert Rivero, told a news conference yesterday.

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US advisers arriving

'RP becomes a major operational hub against terrorists'

THE UNITED States will likely launch covert and overt actions against the Abu Sayyaf in the Philippines and other terrorist groups tied to Osama bin Laden's network in Indonesia and Malaysia, according to the New York Times.

"There has been a concerted effort by Bin Laden and his people to expand their activities in East Asia, not only in the Philippines but in Malaysia and Indonesia," the newspaper quoted an unnamed US official as saying in its online edition on Wednesday.

"The Philippines has become a 'major operational hub,' and it's a serious concern. People linked to Bin Laden are not only in Manila but elsewhere in the Philippines," the NYT said.

The report came as National Security Adviser Roilo Golez told reporters in Manila that a "sizeable" team of US military advisers would fly to the Philippines shortly to help local troops address the threat of international terrorism.

The team, to be headed by a general, should arrive in a few weeks, Golez said.

The team will discuss with Filipino security officials "possibilities where we can help each other with respect to planning, training and adjusting our program addressed to the local (aspects of) international terrorist problems," he said.

The Abu Sayyaf and other militant Islamic groups in East Asia are high on the list of American counterterrorism targets to come,

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MOB of pro-Taliban Afghan refugees in an attack mode runs toward a convoy of cars carrying journalists to Quetta at the border of Afghanistan and Pakistan. The journalists immediately returned to the safety of their hotel. REUTERS

DAY 4

Bush: Afghan skies are now free

ISLAMABAD—US forces, claiming control of Afghan skies, flew around-the-clock bombing sorties on Wednesday, the fourth day of their assault against Osama bin Laden, his al-Qaida network and its Taliban protectors.

As US war planes shift from fixed targets in Afghanistan to bombing more mobile targets such as troop convoys, military special forces are expected to play a prominent role in the next phase of attacks.

"The skies are now free," US President George W. Bush declared in Washington after US bombers targeted more airports, radars and other Taliban air defenses.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and Gen. Richard Myers, chair of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff, said US warplanes could now fly unchallenged over Afghanistan night and day.

In Kabul, however, Afghanistan's Taliban rulers said they were still capable of defending the country despite new attacks Wednesday on their home base of Kandahar and US claims of air supremacy.

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Bin Laden to world's Muslims: Fight US

OSAMA bin Laden's spokesperson has exhorted Muslims around the world to rise and fight the United States in a jihad or holy war, saying America had "opened a door that will never be closed."

"The American interests are everywhere all over the world," Bin Laden's spokesperson Sulaiman Abu Ghaith declared in a videotape run Tuesday by Qatar's Al-Jazeera TV. "Every Muslim has to play his real and true role to uphold his religion and his nation in fighting, and jihad is a duty."

On Wednesday street protests swelled in Manila and elsewhere in the world against the air and missile attacks mounted starting Sunday night by the United States and Britain on Afghanistan, whose rul-

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AFP laughs off 'jihad': Do they have passports?

BY CARLITO PABLO AND BLANCHE S. RIVERA

THE ARMED Forces yesterday laughed off declarations by certain Muslim Filipinos that they were prepared to join the "jihad" against the United States and its allies.

"They first have to have their travel papers, passports," AFP spokesperson Brig. Gen. Edilberto Adan said, half in jest, referring to the Maranaos who said at a rally Tuesday that if recruited, they would help their Muslim brothers in Afghanistan.

Adan said it was a "remote" possibility that the call for

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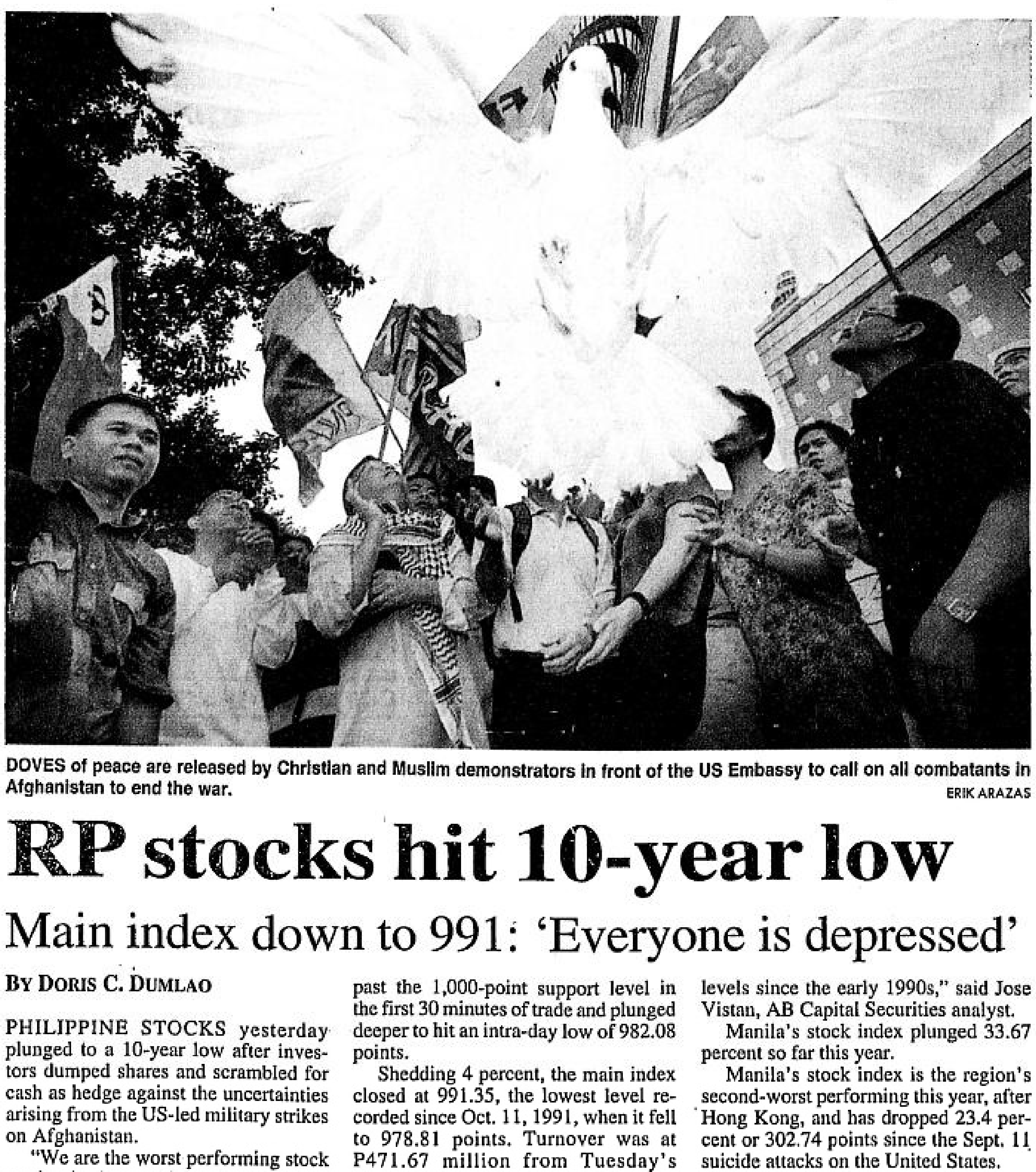

DOVES of peace are released by Christian and Muslim demonstrators in front of the US Embassy to call on all combatants in Afghanistan to end the war. ERIK ARAZAS

RP stocks hit 10-year low

Main index down to 991: 'Everyone is depressed'

BY DORIS C. DUMLAO

PHILIPPINE STOCKS yesterday plunged to a 10-year low after investors dumped shares and scrambled for cash as hedge against the uncertainties arising from the US-led military strikes on Afghanistan.

"We are the worst performing stock market in the world for the day," said Manuel Cruz, research head of Mark Securities.

The Philippine stock main index fell past the 1,000-point support level in the first 30 minutes of trade and plunged deeper to hit an intra-day low of 982.08 points.

Shedding 4 percent, the main index closed at 991.35, the lowest level recorded since Oct. 11, 1991, when it fell to 978.81 points. Turnover was at P471.67 million from Tuesday's P276.98 million.

"Everyone is depressed. It's very hard to convince investors to snap up shares even if they are at their lowest levels since the early 1990s," said Jose Vistan, AB Capital Securities analyst.

Manila's stock index plunged 33.67 percent so far this year.

Manila's stock index is the region's second-worst performing this year, after Hong Kong, and has dropped 23.4 percent or 302.74 points since the Sept. 11 suicide attacks on the United States.

Some shares plunged nearly 10 percent, but Lawrence de Leon of Magnum International Securities said Manila was

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Macapagal denounced as mouthpiece of Americans

BY JEROME ANING

A DOZEN Muslim Filipinos held prayer rites in front of the United States Embassy in Manila and cried "jihad!" in support of their Muslim brothers in Afghanistan.

They were among the more than 1,000 members of militant labor, urban, women, youth and Muslim groups which picketed the embassy to protest the US-led military air attacks on Afghanistan.

But Datu Ansari Alonto, spokesperson of Maradeka, an umbrella organization of Muslim groups in the country, clarified that "the jihad we advocate is in the form of prayers and fasting so that peace will return to Afghanistan."

National Security Adviser Roilo Golez said the protests against the US-led strikes were part of a terrorist propaganda aimed at breaking down the international coalition against terrorism.

But the protesters denounced the United States as "a terrorist state" and President Macapagal-Arroyo

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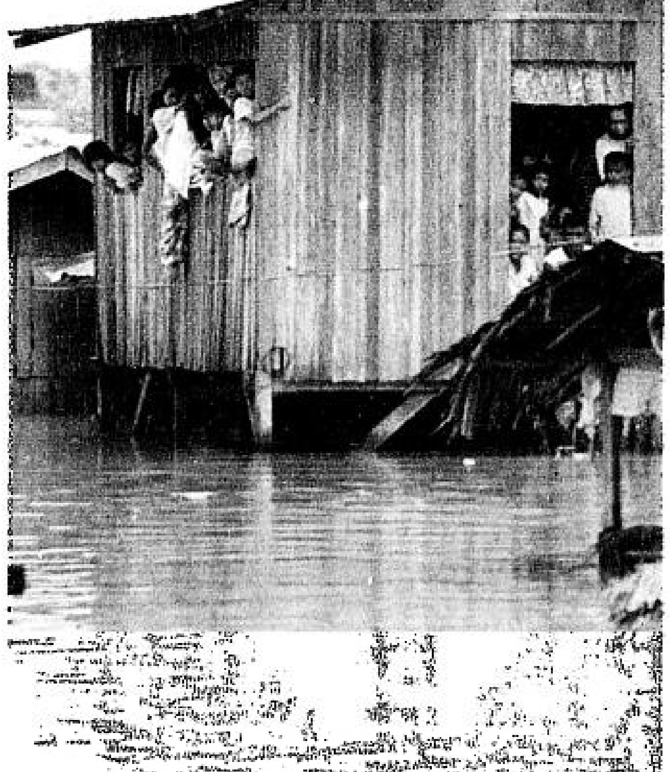

NOAH's Ark it isn't; still, whole families on Thursday have to wait for the floodwaters to subside in San Jose Goso, Zamboanga City, which has been declared in a state of calamity. VAL HANDUMON

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MAPANGANIB PA TALAGA KASI!

Mike A to testify at Senate today

BY MARTIN P. MARFIL AND ARMAND N. NOCUM

FIRST Gentleman Mike Arroyo plans to attend today's Senate inquiry into allegations he had taken P50 million in exchange for working for the recall of a telecommunications franchise bill earlier vetoed by his wife, the President.

Patricia Bunye, Mr. Arroyo's spokesperson, said yesterday the First Gentleman had filed an affidavit before the Senate blue ribbon committee, which she expects would be discussed at today's hearing.

Bunye made her remarks in an interview over radio station dzBB.

The investigation of Mr. Arroyo was instigated by allegations by former Palace appointments secretary Veronica "Bing" Rodrigo that he and three others had attempted to have two franchise bills purportedly detrimental to Philippine Communication Clearing-house Inc. and APC Wireless Interface Inc. recalled by the President.

Rodrigo's allegations were denied by Arroyo and representatives of the two firms.

At the height of the scandal, Rodrigo issued a statement saying she had no personal knowledge of the deals but had heard about them from others through text messages.

But this early, Minority Floor Leader Aquilino Pimentel Jr. raised fears of a "whitewash" in the investigation to be led by blue ribbon chair Sen. Joker Arroyo.

"I'm certain there will be a whitewash," Pimentel said, noting he had heard Arroyo clear the First Gentleman of any guilt in past interviews.

"How could you have the chairman pronouncing the subject of the investigation innocent even before the investigation could start?" he asked.

Senator Arroyo, however, said the hearing would be "normal" and he "didn't expect anything unusual."

"We won't allow the hearing to become a venue for character assassination. I've never liked character assassination," he said, adding the focus of the probe would be on "graft and corruption."

Apart from Mr. Arroyo and Rodrigo, also summoned to appear were Antonio Corrado, Malacañang assistant secretary for legislation, and Aurora Aquino, Palace records office chief.

They have all submitted their respective affidavits denying the charges.

Executive Secretary Alberto Romulo said the Palace was optimistic there will be no witch-hunt in the case against Mr. Arroyo.

"As far as the President is concerned, she and her family will cooperate with the Senate because there is nothing to hide," Romulo said.

He said he was optimistic that "responsible members of the Senate would do everything to ensure that everything will be fair and square."

Yesterday, Bunye said the First Gentleman also plans to attend hearings on the latest controversy hounding him—the alleged Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office scam.

In this one, Mr. Arroyo was linked by former PCSO media consultant Robert Rivero to a "Department of the Underground" which supposedly diverted sweepstakes funds to the campaigns of four administration candidates in last May's elections.

The allegation was aired at the Senate by Sen. Panfilo Lacson in a privileged speech.

Bunye said they expect that Rivero would be the first witness in that hearing.

"Definitely, Mr. Arroyo will attend that hearing," she said.

US justifies travel warning

BY MARTIN P. MARFIL AND DONA Z. PAZZIBUGAN

THE UNITED States has justified its warning against travel to the Philippines, saying it was part of a worldwide public announcement on the dangers of overseas travel by Americans in the wake of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on their country.

This after Vice President and Foreign Secretary Teofisto Guingona Jr. had said the government expected the US to immediately recall its "unfair" travel advisory since the Philippines has been a "good ally."

Guingona said he and other Cabinet officials had stressed to US Embassy officials the negative effect the advisory would have on local tourism.

"They know the urgency of the needs of our tourism industry, so as a good ally we give them," said Guingona, trailing off. "They should act in accordance with (our) needs," he added.

In an Oct. 5 advisory, the US State Department advised its citizens to "exercise great caution throughout the Philippines" due to kidnappings, bombings and other violent incidents.

Americans were warned against going to southern and western Mindanao, including Zamboanga City, and Basilan, Tawi-Tawi and Jolo in Sulu.

It cited the kidnapping of three Americans from the Dos Palmas resort in Palawan earlier this year. Two of the victims are still in terrorists' hands, while the third was believed beheaded by his captors.

Guingona said he told US Embassy officials President Macapagal-Arroyo had ordered police and the military to secure domestic beach resorts to prevent other kidnappings.

He said the US had "no reason to make a sweeping advisory."

During a meeting between Philippine officials and US chargé d'affaires Robert Fitts the other day, the latter clarified that what the US had issued was a public announcement against travel, according to National Security Adviser Roilo Golez.

"(Fitts) clarified that what was issued was not a travel advisory—the technical term is a public announcement, which is not as absolute as a travel advisory," Golez said.

"He (Fitts) clarified that it was a worldwide public announcement cautioning all US citizens against traveling in view of the Sept. 11 attacks on America, as well as the start of hostilities in Afghanistan," Golez said.

The government panel, Golez added, maintained that most of the reports on which the "announcement" was based were outdated and the US Embassy should update its information.

In response, Golez said, Fitts promised to take up the matter with his superiors.

The Department of Foreign Affairs, however, went ahead and issued a travel advisory to Filipinos yesterday against travel to Pakistan.

Short of a travel ban, the warning came after the Pakistani people have been violently protesting their government's support for the US attacks on neighboring Afghanistan.

The Philippine Embassy in Islamabad, however, has so far found no need to evacuate the 600 Filipinos living in Pakistan.

Guingona also said the DFA was not issuing a travel advisory to the US despite the anthrax scare in Florida.

He said this could turn out to be a false alarm like the bio-terrorism scare that hit local private schools last week but turned out to be a flu epidemic.

Golez said President Macapagal has approved the plan to field air marshals on domestic flights.

The presidential action, he said, was necessary after local airlines protested the plan due to the expense involved, but said they would comply if ordered by the President.

The first air marshals would be deployed on airbuses.

The program would be eventually expanded to cover all domestic flights, Golez said.

Gloria to visit US next month

ON THE INVITATION of US President George W. Bush, President Macapagal-Arroyo will make a working visit to the United States on Nov. 18-20, Malacañang announced last night.

"President Bush is particularly pleased to host President Macapagal-Arroyo this year on the 50th or Golden Anniversary of the Mutual Defense Treaty between the Philippines and the United States," said Press Undersecretary Roberto Capco, quoting an official statement released by the White House.

Capeo said the US statement noted that the Sept. 11 terror attacks on that country have "reinforced the strength and vitality" of the RP-US partnership.

Bush invited Ms Macapagal to a one-on-one meeting at the White House on Nov. 20.

She will also address the United Nations General Assembly in New York and has requested to tour Ground Zero, site of the devastated World Trade Center, and the Pentagon complex in Washington.

"President Bush looks forward to discussing developments in the campaign against terror, regional security and ways to further strengthen cooperation between the United States and the Philippines," the White House said, according to the Malacañang statement.

During her visit, Ms Macapagal will meet with other US government officials, including those in the State Department, the Department of National Defense, the National Security Council and members of the Senate and House of Representatives.

Instead of a social event in her honor, Malacañang said the President has requested for a memorial mass to be said for the victims in New York and Washington, which she would attend.

Ms Macapagal is also slated to meet with the Filipino-American communities in both cities.

Malacañang announced the US visit minutes after the President administered the oath to Albert del Rosario as the country's new ambassador to Washington. *Juliet L. Javellana*

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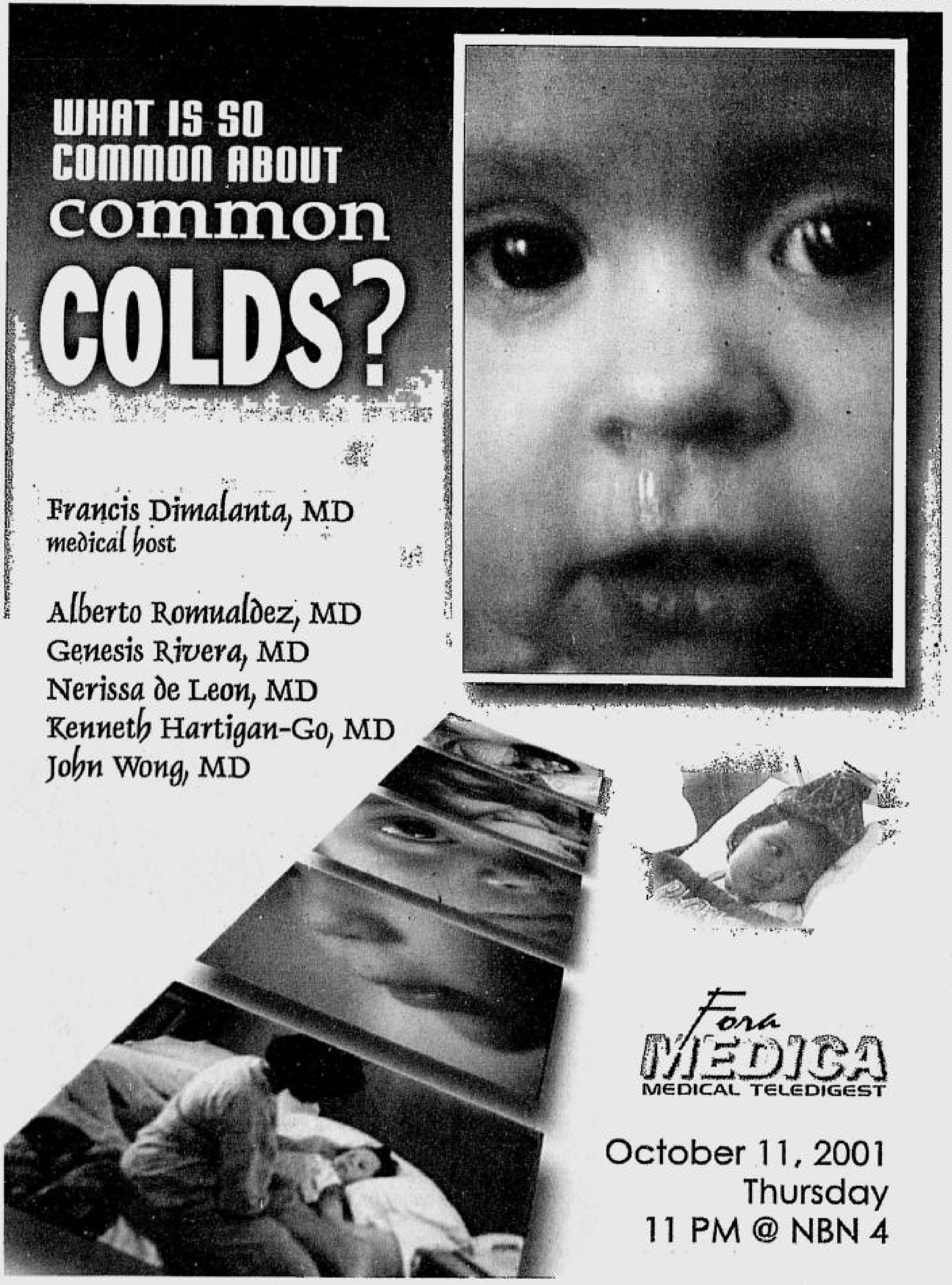
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Solons' personal feud stops House session

By Rocky Nazareno

THIS is one personal grudge that has gone too far—to the point of greatly hampering the work of the 12th Congress.

For the third time since Congress opened four months ago, Nueva Ecija Rep. Raul Villareal has caused the adjournment of a regular session by questioning the quorum.

Yesterday's 28th meeting of the first regular session was adjourned just minutes after it opened at 4 p.m.

"It is unfortunate not all of us here are imbued with a sense of public interest and legislative duty," an irate House majority floor leader Rep. Neptali Gonzales Jr. told the INQUIRER.

Gonzales was obviously referring to Villareal who, even before the roll could be called, stood up to question the quorum—an act considered to be a prelude to the adjournment of a session.

Villareal's move was apparently prompted by the designation of Pampanga Rep. Juan Pablo "Rimpy" Bondoc as floor leader for yesterday's session.

"This is nothing personal. It was my prerogative as a member of the House to question the quorum," Villareal insisted.

He said it was unfair to those who had come early for the session to have to wait for the others who still had to stream into the hall.

"We're here and they're not. That's why I questioned the quorum," Villareal said.

But about 60 congressmen who were already in the hall when Villareal stood up expressed a different sentiment.

"It is obvious this was all about his grudge with Rimpy," said a neophyte solon who had rushed from a provincial appointment to make it on time for the session.

Even Speaker Jose de Venecia, who conducted a hastily called press conference after, described the incident as a "recurring personal problem."

Because of Villareal's move, legislative action was set aside on nearly 20 pages of items listed in the House order of business, he said.

3 Cabinet members get CA nod

By Armand N. Nocum

THE COMMISSION on Appointments yesterday confirmed the appointments of Executive Secretary Alberto Romulo, Public Works Secretary Simeon Datumanong and Social Welfare Secretary Corazon Juliano-Soliman.

The three were the first Cabinet members to have been confirmed by the commission of the 12th Congress. They got no dissenting vote.

Others who got the CA's nod were Albert del Rosario, ambassador to the US and Francisco A. Alba, ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary to the Vatican.

Romulo said he was happy to have gotten the green light from the commission, noting that many of them were his colleagues in the Senate.

Datumanong, for his part, said his having come from the House of Representatives has helped remove possible obstruction in his confirmation.

"There is no difference to the time that I used to sit in the CA," said Datumanong, a former congressmen from Maguindanao, when asked how he felt going through the grilling in the commission.

Rep. Manuel C. Ortega, chair of the House committee on public works, described Datumanong as "Mindanao's finest son."

Sen. Loren Legarda also said that apart from ensuring the completion of infrastructure projects in Mindanao, the only Muslim in the Macapagal Cabinet would also help cement ties between Christians and Muslims.

In his sponsorship speech for Alba, Sen. Blas Ople, chair of the Senate panel on foreign affairs, said the Prudential Life owner best represents the Filipino faith that a Vatican ambassador needs to posses.

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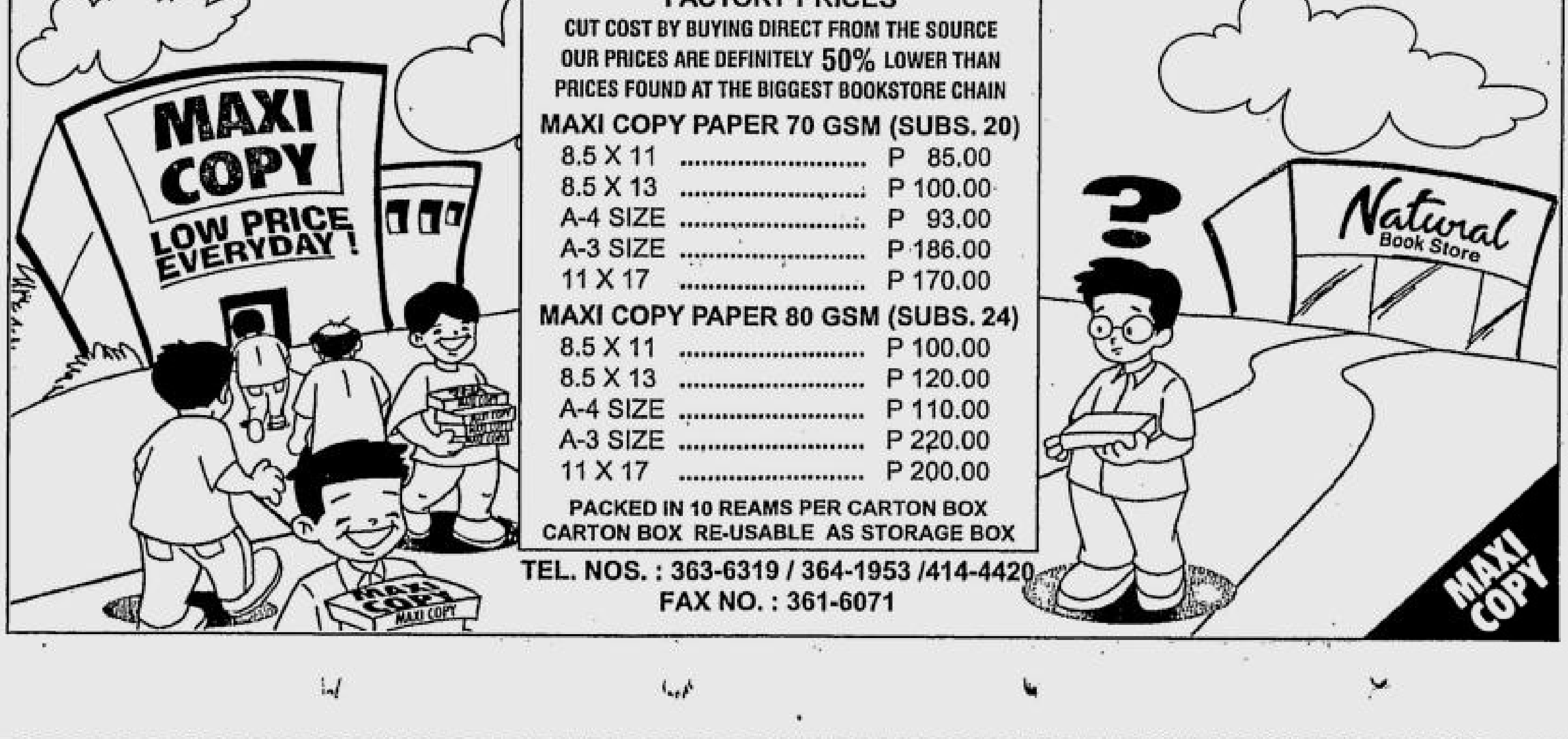

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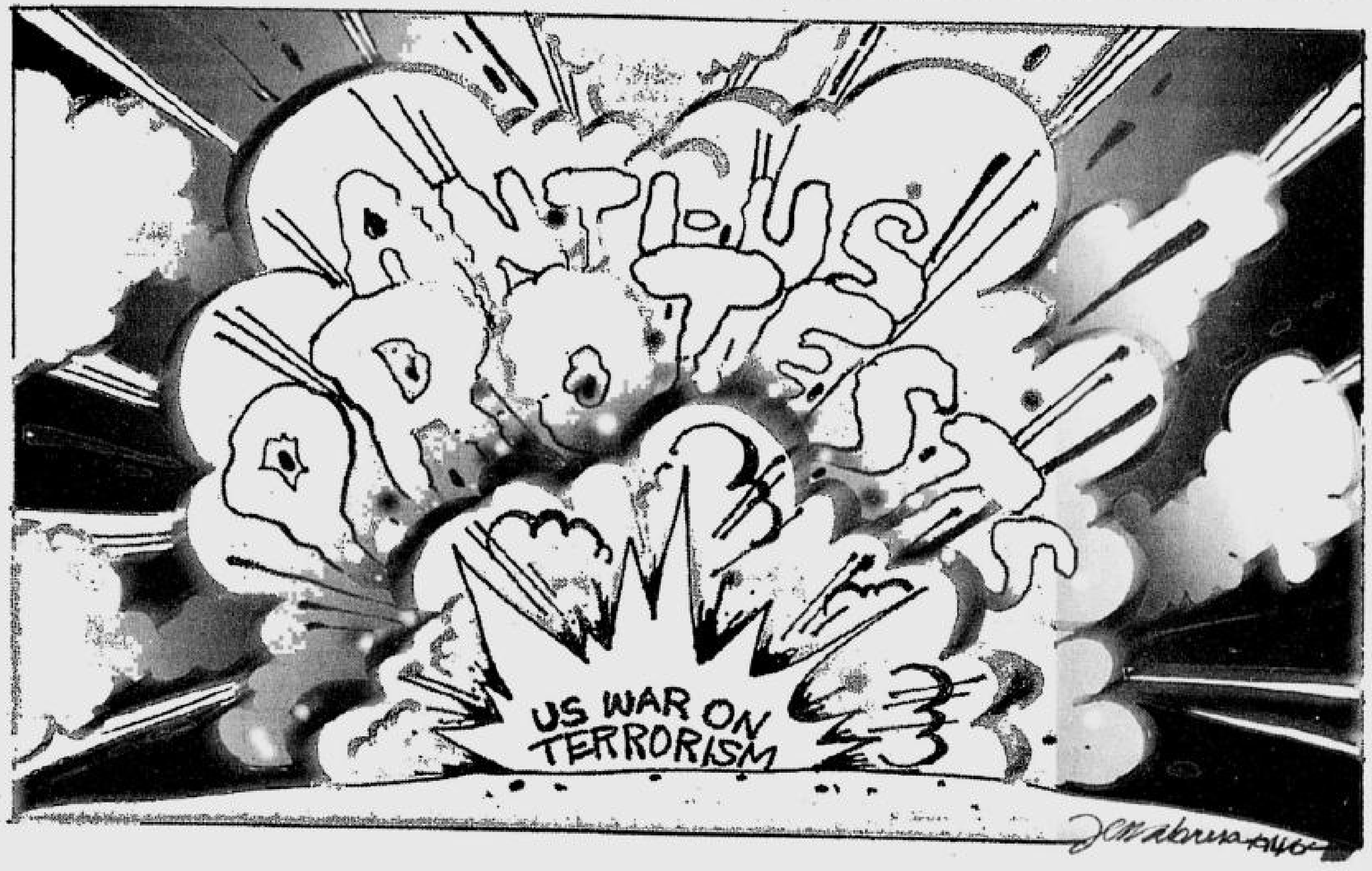

A messy war

EDITORIAL

THE FIRST phase of the American-British air strikes on targets inside Afghanistan indicated a focused and restrained attack, resulting in "successfully incapacitating" the Taliban's air defense. But with few visible military targets left for further air and missile attacks, the allies are now poised for the second stage: the deployment of special forces in Afghanistan for a ground war.

Washington has warned of a long war, and apparently, the US strategy is to stage surgical strikes with minimum civilian casualty. The reason is that if there are too many civilian casualties, it could galvanize the Islamic countries, whether governed by fundamentalist or moderate regimes, in what is already a widening protest against the US-British attacks.

The air attacks have quickly shattered the illusion that the action in Afghanistan is a "clean war." Early reports of casualties say that four Afghan civilians working with a mine-clearing organization were hit in the attack near Kandahar, a Taliban base. This ought to make clear the point that there's no such thing as a clean war. In the whole saga of warfare, civilians have been killed along with soldiers.

But in this new kind of war on what has been condemned by the international community as a network of terrorism associated with al-Qaeda led by Osama bin Laden, non-combatants are the main pawns and not merely incidental casualties.

The beef against the United States and its allies, raised by both radical Islamic groups raking up historical grievances against Western dealing with the Arab and Islamic world, as well as by their sympathizers inside democratic societies, is that the attacks on the Taliban are a form of terrorism. This sophistry is expressed by the argument that yes, international terrorism that attacked the United States on Sept. 11 is condemnable—but the United States deserves the attack because of its Middle East policies, its past military actions in response to attacks on its embassies and warships, and because of its capitalist exploitation, etc.

This argument is not only inconsistent but also blurs the issues that sprang from the Sept. 11 attack. When you are punched in the nose, you have to hit back to prevent further attacks, and you don't pause to consider what it is that inspired such hate. You don't tie your hands in the back and allow your attackers to continue to assault you. In launching an international campaign against terrorism, the United States and its allies basically did just that.

British intelligence has found that the Taliban and al-Qaeda are one and the same. This explains why the Taliban refused to hand over Bin Laden to face justice in a country attacked by terrorists associated with his network, and why the US attacks inside Afghanistan are targeting Taliban military targets and Bin Laden's camps.

This leads to the second issue, which is that in the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, civilians on board hijacked commercial jetliners were used as human torpedoes to devastate population centers, killing mostly non-combatants rather than soldiers. Bin Laden and his fellow zealots in the fundamentalist stream of Islam have justified this method of achieving political objectives whose main hate target is the United States. If the terrorists are filled with blind hatred against the United States, it is hard to explain why Bin Laden's minions are taking it on the citizens of more than 80 nations. Why should these citizens, many of whom probably had their own grievances against the United States, be made to pay for the sins of America?

Bin Laden has dug in in Afghanistan, protected by the Taliban. Although he enjoys the protection of the Taliban, he and his gang have inserted themselves into the civilian population, using them cynically as human shields, in the same manner that they used human bodies to attack the United States and killed more than 6,000 innocent civilians.

Bin Laden is presenting himself to the Islamic world as the new Saladdin who led the Muslim forces in the epic struggle against Christian armies during the Middle Ages in Europe and Asia Minor. Saladdin led his troops to battle against Christian warriors. But Bin Laden and his cohorts stay behind in underground cells, surrounded by civilian centers they are using as human shields. When they employ non-combatants as the main line of offense and defense, one can understand why there cannot be a "clean war." No doubt about it, this war is going to be messy.

Better to try and fail than not to try at all

AS I SEE IT

Neal H. Cruz

THIS late, when bombs are already falling, there are still Filipinos who cry that the Philippine government should not support the United Nations' war against terrorism. We should first fight local terrorists before rushing off into an international war, goes the mantra.

Isn't that what we have been doing for almost a year now—fighting the Abu Sayyaf in Basilan and failing? We cannot win, on our own, a war against terrorists, especially if they are helped and funded by international terrorists and countries that protect them. Look at what's happening in Mindanao. The whole armed forces—Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, police, Cafgu—led by generals, the highest ranking of whom is a lieutenant general, is fighting a small band of bandits who have no formal military training, in a very small island from where there should be no escape. But until now, the AFP is not getting anywhere. It can't even rescue the two American hostages. And the AFP is running out of funds and, perhaps, ammunition.

To defeat the terrorists, we need outside help, whether we want to admit it or not. And to get that help, we should be willing to help fight terrorists elsewhere. Having been victims of terrorists many times over, we should be the first to appreciate the value of a concerted world effort against terrorism.

The peaceniks say we should not send our soldiers to fight terrorists abroad. We need them here to fight our own terrorists. But nobody is asking us to send our soldiers abroad. Even the United States has not yet sent ground troops into Afghanistan. All the attacks have been by air. The United States doesn't need any help in that area. What it needs is just moral support and a favorable world opinion. That is why it spent so much diplomatic effort to get the whole world behind the UN resolution against terrorism.

This is not a war against Islam—although Osama bin Laden and the Taliban try to make it look that way—but against terrorism. That is why all the Muslim countries except Iraq and Iran—both long-time foes of the United States—are supporting the war.

True, there are anti-war protests in Muslim countries like Pakistan and Indonesia, and in the Philippines and the United States itself, but that is to be expected. People will march against almost anything. But on the whole, I think the whole world realizes it is time it put its foot down on terrorism.

For what would happen if the United States did not do anything after the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, D.C? That would be a signal to world terrorists that it is now open season on everybody. If they can render a superpower like the United States impotent against an unseen enemy, then nobody would be safe, much less poor countries like the Philippines. The whole world can be held hostage by terrorists.

Fighting terrorists is harder than fighting guerrillas who frustrated conventional armies during World War II. Terrorists can have sanctuaries, supporters and training camps in other countries over which the governments chasing them have no power or authority. It is like the Viet Cong in South Vietnam fleeing to North Vietnam for rest and recreation and then going back to fight again. So the fight against terrorists on a country-by-country basis would be like the Vietnam War on a much bigger scale. The fight against terrorism has to be waged on a global scale. And that is the aim of the present war against terrorism.

It is hard to predict how successful that war will be. It could be a total failure. It could even provoke retaliatory strikes by terrorists. But doing nothing is worse than doing something and failing in it. As someone once said, "It is better to have tried and failed than not to have tried at all."

People are afraid of retaliatory attacks. They'd rather not do anything, just cower in fear, so the terrorists would not strike back. That's appeasement, that's cowardice.

Appeasement, if you remember your history, was what drove the world into World War II. The British did not want a war and so appeased Hitler by allowing Germany to swallow up the Sudetenland to have "peace in our time." But instead of peace, it brought war. Hitler thought the Allies would not fight and so the Nazis invaded Poland. Emboldened by their swift success, his Panzer armies then rolled into neighboring countries one by one, and into France. Were it not for the English Channel, Hitler would have rolled into Britain, too.

It was only when Japan bombed Pearl Harbor (which has been likened to the attack on the Pentagon and the World Trade Center) and the United States, which was until then feeling secure in its isolationism, entered the war that the tide of war began to turn against the Axis Powers.

The present US-led world war against terrorism could be another turning point. The World Trade Center and Pentagon attacks could indeed be another Pearl Harbor that galvanized a superpower into action against forces that have so far prospered and spread because of appeasement, because of fear. Fear is the ally of terrorists. It is its purpose to sow terror. For so long as people are cowed by it, then the terrorists will remain victorious.

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Decisive action

THERE'S THE RUB

Conrado de Quiros

IT was Tony Blair who put it into words a couple of hours after the first bombs exploded on Afghanistan. The world had to act, he said. For the dire consequences of inaction far outweighed the consequences of action. Striking back was not a matter of choice, it was a matter of necessity. It was not an option, it was an imperative.

The same point has been made by several readers. What choice was there for America but to punish the evildoers? What choice was there for America but to strike back against terrorism? What choice was there for America but to take action?

Well, there was another choice America might have taken. And that was not to take action at all. Or that was the action America might have taken in the face of the obscenity that was the murder of 6,300 Americans at the World Trade Center—to not take action. That would have been the loudest action of all. At the very least, it would have retained the incandescent purity of America's pain, instead of blotting it out with the more copious blood of innocent Afghans. Left to itself, without being filled with corpses from a strange land, the black hole where the World Trade Center used to be would have been Osama bin Laden's fiercest accuser. Left to itself, without being filled with the cries of other widows and orphaned children, that open wound where America's heart used to be would have been terrorism's most savage indictment.

But for those who worship the god of action, who find this turning of the other cheek far too Christian an ideal despite the fact that the bombing of Afghanistan invokes the best of Christian idealism, yes, there was another decisive action America might have taken.

Or series of decisive actions.

First, America could have acknowledged its own culpability in the creation of Bin Laden and the Taliban, and begged the world's forgiveness for it. It could have said that though nothing could ever justify the murder of 6,300 innocent Americans one sunny day in September, it recognized its role in unleashing the cycle of violence that eventually brought it to its shores. America could have told the world that its own hands were not clean, they were tainted with blood. But with the world's blessings and help, it was willing to wash them off with the waters of atonement. With the world's blessings and help, it was willing to undo the evil it helped to create.

That would have given America the moral authority to lead the world in a crusade against terrorism. Which is the one thing America does not have in its current effort, an effort couched in the language of good versus evil. Being aggrieved is not a natural qualification to lead, any more than it is a natural justification to slaughter the innocent, which is the terrorist's own perverse notion of justice. President George W. Bush says only cowards deny their evil deeds and hide behind the cloak of anonymity. Well, so do people who deny their past and hide behind the cloak of innocence. They are certainly in no position to lecture the world about the evils of deceitfulness, or mount a holy crusade against its unholy spawn.

Secondly, America could have foresworn bombing Afghanistan from the start. It could have said that while the temptation to strike back was there, while it did not lack the means to flatten an entire country to the ground, it was scorning that path like the plague itself. This was so not only because it was the most unchristian thing to do but because it was the most foolish thing to do. At the very least, it would not accomplish what it set out to do, it would only accomplish the exact opposite of what it set out to do. The bombing could end the life of Bin Laden, it could end the reign of the Taliban, but it would not end terrorism. It would make martyrs out of them and cause them to stalk the earth in death far more lengthily than they did in life. Bullets do not kill ideas, they give life to them. Bombs do not kill germs, they spread them.

At the very most, it did not make sense to make children pay mercilessly for the sins of their fathers. The world would be dumb to believe in the existence of smart bombs. Bombs, like rain, fall on the good and the bad. Silence is a double-edged sword: The very lack of a plethora of images of destruction Afghanistan can provide—it does not have a CNN to show its rubble in nightmarish detail—must make the few images of it crackle like thunder in the conscience of the world.

And, finally, America could have built a global coalition for peace rather than a global collation for war. It could have relied on the creative instincts of artists and prophets to build a new world rather than the murderous ones of politicians and soldiers to raze an old one. It could have said that terrorism was not ended by denying nourishment to its branches, it was ended by cutting down its roots. It could have said that you cannot honor your dead by making others grieve for their own, you can only honor them by keeping other people alive. It could have said that when an American child asks, "Can it happen again?" an American teacher must answer with, "No, it cannot happen again—not in America, not elsewhere."

It could have said that violence did not end violence. It could have said that an act of horror did not end an act of terror. It could have said that the only way to get justice was to recognize the injustices of the past. It could have said that the only way to get justice was not to commit more injustices in the present. It could have said that the only way to get justice was to prevent more injustices in the future.

Waging peace is as much an action as waging war. And as history shows, it is not only far more just, it is far more decisive.

Looking for corroborative evidence

POLITICAL TIDBITS

Belinda Olivares-Cunanan

ROBERT Rivero is on a rampage against many members of the media, making allegations that are not supported with evidence. To many observers, Rivero's design and that of his backers, the opposition, is to put up a smoke screen for the many allegations, including the specter of narco-politics, raised against one of its members in Senate committee hearings. Rivero cannot be credible as he is a polluted source. Former Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile, a prominent opposition member, stopped his services as anchor of his radio talk show with Sen. Juan Flavier when he found out that Rivero was not using the funds to promote the show nationwide. The Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office, where Rivero worked for a couple of months in the Macapagal administration, decided not to renew his contract as media consultant because of numerous complaints from media outfits and members about his extortion activities.

Interestingly, Rivero recently executed an affidavit claiming that prominent TV and radioman Arnold Clavio and Rene Sta. Cruz of dzBB were among the broadcasters who had received payola from the PCSO. Interviewed by Clavio on his program, Rivero quickly denied making the allegations about Clavio and Sta. Cruz. How can a flip-flopping source be credible?

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There is talk in the Senate that lawyer Demaree Raval, whom Sen. Edgardo Angara handpicked to be the secretary of the committee on constitutional amendments which will hear the PCSO-Mike Arroyo case, has been accompanying Rivero around in his search for corroborative evidence against Arroyo. But up to now they have found no such source. Rivero remains by his lonesome, As Sen. Joker Arroyo put it, *nakwerdasan ni* mastermind Raval.

Rivero's figures don't tally. First he charged that Mike Arroyo dipped his fingers into P250 million of PCSO money. Then he talked about P20 million in PCSO funds involved in contracts with Radyo Bombo and Radio Mindanao Network, in the amount of P14.9 million and P5.1 million, respectively, for the period April to Dec. 30, 2001. The crucial question is, what amounts were involved during the election period, when he claimed that certain People Power Coalition candidates were pushed by the administration? Figures show that Bombo Radyo got only P3.1 million in PCSO contracts, while RMN got even less in the two months before and after the elections. Those are not the grand amounts being bandied around.

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In a press conference yesterday, Rivero accused many media people of being subservient to the Macapagal administration either because they were allegedly in the payroll of the Palace or their spouses were given juicy positions. He alleged that I benefited from the PCSO payola. I deny this categorically—this column has never been for sale to anyone. Among those whom he attacked as being allegedly subservient to the Palace because of their spouses' appointment to juicy posts were myself and fellow columnists Carmen Pedrosa of the Star and Randy David of the INQUIRER. This issue was bound to come up and I might as well tackle it here, and I will not speak about it again.

I don't meddle in my husband's job and he doesn't meddle in mine. We maintain independent views and I don't expect him to be defensive about my job the same way that I am not defensive about his. He is a good man, hardworking, honest and bright, and I think he is very qualified for his current job as PNOC president and chief executive officer. He obtained his military science degree from the US Military Academy at West Point, entrance to which he obtained through a rigid national competitive examination, and his MBA from UP. He retired as three-star general and commander of the entire Mindanao island, the biggest command in the AFP, after having defended the Aquino administration in several failed coup attempts.

His appointment to the PNOC by President Macapagal was his second in civilian life (his first was as ambassador to Cambodia during the term of President Ramos, where his military background served him well at a critical period in the history of the kingdom).

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Why am I belaboring all these? Not to praise my husband but to stress a point I have had to keep in mind and live with all these years since President Aquino gave him his first star in 1990. Would my integrity and credibility as a media person be compromised by my husband's rise through the military ranks and other positions?

Frankly, I never felt any conflict of interest because my attitude is that he is a good man who would rise to higher positions and whom presidents would regard as an asset to their administration. Now, if a stupid, incompetent and corrupt man were being inflicted on an administration, then I, as his spouse, would feel beholden by his appointment. But he is not any of those. My husband finds his PNOC job fulfilling, but he and I feel that it's something he can walk away from if a time ever comes when he has to part ways with the administration or if the President decides to remove him, which is entirely her prerogative. We have taught ourselves and our children to live always within our means, and we both work very hard for what we earn.

My readers will no doubt remember that I have criticized various administrations that my husband served. I will continue to do so when the situation warrants. But when the government deserves my support I will not hesitate to give it. The Macapagal administration has been no exception.

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Having said that, I am sure Chit Pedrosa feels the same way. Bert Pedrosa, a member of the prominent Pedrosa clan that counts among them Don Pio Pedrosa who held Cabinet posts in various past administrations, is very qualified for the job of PNOC director. He founded and managed in London an outfit called EuroStudy, which analyzed all sovereign lending in the Euro-dollar market, nearly throughout their 20-year exile. He was also European representative of the Lopez-owned Meralco Securities, now First Philippine Holdings, for its borrowings. His familiarity with international finance now serves the PNOC in good stead. During the Ramos presidency, Bert served as ambassador to Brussels and the European Union.

I'm sure Chit does not feel beholden to President Macapagal for Bert's appointment, in much the same way that I am sure that Randy David doesn't feel beholden because his wife Karina was appointed chair of the Civil Service Commission. Karina David is highly qualified.

What's really at stake

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

HERE is the conclusion of the article "This is a Religious War" by Andrew Sullivan, which appeared in last Sunday's issue of the New York Times Sunday Magazine. My hope is that it will encourage better use of terms bandied about in the coverage of events since Sept. 11, and a rethinking of the premises that have been laid down by the media coverage. May it also encourage reflection on what these issues mean to us, Filipinos, at this stage in our history.

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THE OTHER critical aspect of this kind of faith is insecurity. American fundamentalists know they are losing the culture war. They are terrified of failure and of the Godless world they believe is about to engulf or crush them. They speak and think defensively…Similarly, Muslims know that the era of Islam's imperial triumph has long since gone. For many centuries, the civilization of Islam was the center of the world. It eclipsed Europe in the Dark Ages, fostered great learning and expanded territorially well into Europe and Asia. But it has all been downhill from there. From the collapse of the Ottoman Empire onward, it has been on the losing side of history. The response to this has been an intermittent flirtation with Westernization but far more emphatically a reaffirmation of the most irredentist and extreme forms of the culture under threat. Hence the odd phenomenon of Islamic extremism beginning in earnest only in the last 200 years.

With Islam, this has worse implications than for other cultures that have had rises and falls. For Islam's religious tolerance has always been premised on its own power. It was tolerant when it controlled the territory and called the shots. When it lost territory and saw itself eclipsed by the West in power and civilization, tolerance evaporated…

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THUS the horror at the establishment of the State of Israel, an infidel country in Muslim lands, a bitter reminder of the eclipse of Islam in the modern world. Thus also the revulsion at American bases in Saudi Arabia…I cannot help thinking of this defensiveness when I read stories of the suicide bombers sitting poolside in Florida or racking up a $48 vodka tab in an American restaurant. We tend to think that this assimilation into the West might bring Islamic fundamentalists around somewhat, temper their zeal. But in fact, the opposite is the case. The temptation of American and Western culture—indeed, the very allure of such culture—may well require a repression all the more brutal if it is to be overcome. The transmission of American culture into the heart of what Bin Laden calls the Islamic nation requires only two responses—capitulation to unbelief or a radical strike against it. There is little room in the fundamentalist psyche for a moderate accommodation…

And America is the perfect arena for such acting out. For the question of religious fundamentalism was not only familiar to the founding fathers. In many ways, it was the central question that led to America's existence. The first American immigrants, after all, were refugees from the religious wars that engulfed England and that intensified under England's Taliban, Oliver Cromwell. One central influence on the founders' political thought was John Locke, the English liberal who wrote the now famous "Letter on Toleration." In it, Locke argued that true salvation could not be a result of coercion, that faith had to be freely chosen to be genuine and that any other interpretation was counter to the Gospels. Following Locke, the founders established as a central element of the new American order a stark separation of church and state, ensuring that no single religion could use political means to enforce its own orthodoxies.

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WE cite this as a platitude today without absorbing or even realizing its radical nature in human history—and the deep human predicament it was designed to solve. It was an attempt to answer the eternal human question of how to pursue the goal of religious salvation for ourselves and others and yet also maintain civil peace. What the founders and Locke were saying was that the ultimate claims of religion should simply not be allowed to interfere with political and religious freedom. They did this to preserve peace above all—but also to preserve true religion itself.

The security against an American Taliban is therefore relatively simple: it's the Constitution. And the surprising consequence of this separation is not that it led to a collapse of religious faith in America…but that it led to one of the most vibrantly religious civil societies on earth…And it is this achievement that the Taliban and Bin Laden have now decided to challenge. It is a living, tangible rebuke to everything they believe in…Islamic fundamentalism is based on a glorious civilization and a great faith. It can harness and co-opt and corrupt true and good believers if it has a propitious and toxic enough environment. It has a more powerful logic than either Stalin's or Hitler's Godless ideology, and it can serve as a focal point for all the other societies in the world, whose resentment of Western success and civilization comes more easily than the arduous task of accommodation to modernity. We have to somehow defeat this without defeating or even opposing a great religion that is nonetheless extremely inexperienced in the toleration of other ascendant and more powerful faiths. It is hard to underestimate the extreme delicacy and difficulty of this task…

What is really at issue here is the simple but immensely difficult principle of the separation of politics and religion…We are fighting for the universal principles of our Constitution—and the possibility of free religious faith it guarantees. We are fighting for religion against one of the deepest strains in religion there is. And not only our lives but our souls are at stake.

GMO in baby food

HUMAN FACE

Ma. Ceres P. Doyo

DON'T think "Soylent Green" now, but there could be GMO in your baby's food.

Greenpeace International, the environmental group that made known the possibly dangerous presence of genetically engineered organisms (GMO) in baby food products has been proven right. Its vigilance paid off.

Novartis International, a giant manufacturer (pharmaceuticals, food, animal care, etc.) with head offices in Switzerland, has admitted that its products are not entirely GMO-free and has promised to check the "contamination." According to a news report, Novartis promised to replace all Gerber food products being sold in the Philippines with GMO-free ones. After conducting its own investigation, Novartis confirmed that indeed, the soy used in its products had been genetically enhanced.

Greenpeace activists responded to the move and said they "welcome(d) the company's quick reaction to remove GMOs from their products sold in the Philippines." Greenpeace's tests had earlier shown "massive levels of genetically engineered soya in three Gerber baby food products sold in the Philippines such as Gerber Green Mongo, Gerber Cream of Brown Rice and Gerber Mixed Fruit."

Novartis had previously claimed that they had certificates from their suppliers attesting to the non-GMO origin of their ingredients. It also added that GMOs were safe and that there was no scientific evidence that GMOs put people's health at risk.

For a while Greenpeace was concerned that the media did not seem interested in their exposé. Was the media afraid of an advertising pullout by food manufacturers? Were journalists perhaps advised to keep away from stories involving these companies? I assured Greenpeace-Philippines they didn't have to worry about the INQUIRER. But Greenpeace's warning came at a time when drug, plunder, corruption and kidnapping stories were hogging the headlines, followed by the terrorist attacks on humanity and rumors of war. The GMO threat took a backseat to the terrorist threat.

But what has Greenpeace been saying all along? Last August Greenpeace revealed that new laboratory analyses it had commissioned showed the presence of transgenic DNA from genetically engineered (GE) foods in a number of baby food products sold in the Philippines. These included baby food products sold by Novartis/Gerber which had proclaimed a global policy against the use of GE foods.

Greenpeace had tests conducted not only on Novartis/Gerber products but also on Nestlé's Cerelac, Wheat, Kellog's Chocos Chex, Wyeth's Nursoy, Isomil and Farina's Hot What Cereal. According to a latest report, these also tested positive, meaning they're not GMO-free.

Greenpeace's report, "Genetic Engineering: The Hidden Ingredient in Philippine Food," says that GE foods being removed from markets worldwide are now turning up in the Philippines. And yet none of these is labeled as containing GE ingredients. The government has not done anything in this regard.

Love those chips? Hotdogs? Soya milk?

In December last year, Greenpeace commissioned an independent Hong Kong food-testing lab to run tests on 30 common consumer food items sold in the Philippines. The lab used a standard PCR test (polyemerase chain reaction) to check the presence of gene sequences from two most commonly grown GE crops: the Roundup Ready crops (primarily soya and corn) genetically engineered to resist Monsanto's herbicide; and Bt crops (primarily corn) which has been GE-ed to produce an insecticide toxin.

The 30 items bought in Metro Manila were chosen for testing because they contained either soy or corn. Eleven tested GE-positive. These were: Bonus Vienna Franks, Rica Protina Hotdogs, Campo Carne Moby Hotdogs, Purefoods Beefy Hotdogs, Quality Foods Budget Franks, Foodmart Enterprises Crab Cake, Hong Chi Food Yung Ho Soya Drink, Doritos Smokey Red Barbecue, Nestlé Nesvita Natural Cereal Drink, Isomil Soy Infant Formula and Knorr Cream of Corn Soup.

This does not mean that the 19 others were completely free of GE ingredients.

What are GE crops? These are crops produced through methods that transfer genetic materials from the cells of one species to another species, thus creating new living organisms that would never naturally come to life through breeding. Example: putting arctic fish genes into tomatoes to make the latter cold-resistant. Fish and tomatoes would never breed in a natural setting.

But while this method looks beneficial to food growers, its other effects have not been predicted. Once a living organism has been GE-ed and propagates itself in an open environment, it cannot be recalled and who knows what irrevocable changes and havoc it could do to the environment and to living things, humans included.

GE is an imprecise technology, Greenpeace stresses. GMOs could produce toxins and allergens. Take the case of the Brazil nut gene that has been put into soy. This could be hazardous to the life of people who are highly allergic to nuts. These people don't eat nuts but they might eat hotdogs with GE-ed soy with a nut gene.

Concerned scientists and consumers are worried about the antibiotic resistance GMOs could cause. Just as frightening is the effect on the environment. GMOs are "potentially invasive forms of life" that could go uncontrolled and become pests. Look what happened to the golden snail that was introduced here some decades ago. GE-ed plants could cross-pollinate with regular crops through the wind, irrevocably contaminating and altering those around them.

There's reason to be concerned. Greenpeace demands strict labeling of GMO-derived ingredients and the swift removal of GE food from the nation's food supply. Food companies should demand certification from their suppliers.

Greenpeace stretches Murphy's law: "If something goes wrong, it will be too late."

Smoke

YOUNGBLOOD

Jonas Benedict T. Esguerra

*We want to know what the young are thinking about. What are their thoughts on current issues? We welcome contributions from the twentysomething and below.—**Ed.***

EXHILARATING. This is how I feel as I take another puff on my cigarette. As I suck, inhale and then exhale the velvety smoke into the midnight air, I feel relief. It is only when I smoke that I can think clearly, without problems popping up and troubles creating obstruction. It is my only release from stress, my confidant, my comforter. It is with a cigarette that I find assurance. It is the only thing that keeps me company when I feel alone and frustrated. As the smoke induces euphoria in my restless brain, I gain the tranquility and balance I never had throughout the day.

The streets are silent now. I'm sitting under the canopy of the dorm I'm staying in. The deafening silence of the surroundings makes the ambience conducive for self-evaluation.

After years of staying under the same roof as my parents, at last I'm free—free to do everything I want. At last I can smoke as much as I can. After years of repressed craving, I'm now flying, with wings spread wide, as high as I can, free at last from my cage. But as soon as I soar high enough, I realize that there is nothing there. That the higher I get, the greater the pressure, and the greater possibility for me to fall harder. Problems multiply, my fears intensify and the future becomes dimmer.

Now I have reached the point of not wanting too much independence anymore. I have too many responsibilities and very little competence in handling them. I have more space but less time to accomplish stuff. I miss home, my jaded life and virgin soul. There is too much to handle that my small hands cannot clutch.

Thank God for cigarettes. With them I miss home less, find consolation more and think of worry little. And they have also become an instrument for friendship. With them, I found a new set of friends, a mission impossible for a nerdy loser like me thrust into a highly sophisticated environment. Suddenly I am part of a group that has power and is respected and feared by all who know its members. We share countless thoughts together, corny jokes and viewpoints—all of these while smoking.

It is amazing how cigarettes bring out the best, and sometimes the worst, from people. Under their influence, we have become philosophers, critics and visionaries. We walk the campus streets with cigarettes between our fingers, looking powerful and fearless. Smoking gives us a strong sense of masculinity, which seems to turn girls on.

Transformed from a loser into a looker, I am suddenly winning the hearts of girls. My invitations for dates are never rejected. Compliments from some beauteous creatures in skirt come flooding in, making my head swell. And my self-confidence grows some more. With cigarettes, I have reinvented myself, created a new identity and soared to greater heights.

Whenever I look into the mirror, I can hardly recognize what has become of me. I had both of my ears pierced, my head shaved and I let my facial hair grow. Although I can hardly recognize the old me, I will never exchange this for the nobody that I used to be. Although I feel confused and I am constantly broke because of the many girls I'm simultaneously dating, I will never again be the loser I was back in high school. What a makeover cigarettes have made on me!

The Capri Superslim I'm puffing is now short and the curfew bell is about to ring. Although already coughing, I continue to suck at what is left of it. I spit on the asphalt driveway and try to calm my shaking and sweaty hands. As I blow the last smoke into the chilly air, my monsters creep back slowly. As I climb the stairs, the problems return to flood my mind. Although I'm sleeping tonight with a splitting headache and a shortness of breath, I can hardly wait for my next stick tomorrow. It's my taste of paradise, even if it's only temporary.

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Service from the heart

Jose Rainier A. Peñaranda

> *It is not what or how much you give; but, how much love goes with the giving.*—**Mother Teresa**

A FEW years ago I was working overseas. I used to do things in a rather conventional way. At first I worked hard and kept myself busy so that my mind would not drift to thoughts of home. I was enjoying my work, being a neophyte in a foreign land.

But then the influences of "experienced" workers set in. My attitude to my job changed. I began to think I was underpaid. In silent protest, I just put in what I felt to be the value of the daily rate I was getting. If I work more, I said to myself, it would just bring more profits to the company; if I work less, it would do me some good. So when my supervisor was not around, I would hide under the shade and do nothing until it was time for the break.

Then, crisis hit me one day. I was diagnosed with an illness which made me partially disabled for the rest of my life. I cannot do things normally and I have to take medication for the rest of my life. Worse, the disease blurred my vision of a bright future, and now I am sure of what it has in store for me.

Depressing though my condition was, it opened my eyes to an illness that was worse: a social illness which slowly kills what is humane in all of us. I saw how doing "service for something" affects the way we relate with people at work, especially those for whom our service is intended. It is a complex illness affecting different sectors of society and I've seen it slip into the medical sector.

Before, when I had to go to a hospital to visit a sick relative, I could hardly stand the smell of medicines and the sight of wounded or sick people, especially those in the charity ward. Now that I am a patient and no longer just a spectator, I find it more disgusting to see medical workers discriminating against patients who are poor.

I cannot understand why these patients have to endure so many hassles before they get proper treatment: the long queues, the paperwork, the long hours of waiting before treatment is finally obtained. But the situation wouldn't be so bad if the medical workers would be more caring and understanding in dealing with such patients.

I am sorry to say that some medical workers seem to do their job because they are paid to do it, not because they love to do it. This attitude shows in the way they treat their patients. A simple naive question from an illiterate patient can trigger a flood of insults from medical workers. A simple request can inflame anger.

It is ironic that those who discriminate against the poor are often the medical workers who also have to scrimp to make a living and should therefore understand how it feels to be deprived. Thus, instead of feeling sympathy for those who protest the indifference and abuses of their superiors, I often think they have it coming.

Still, there are a number of health workers who work more than what they are paid because they love to serve others. They are the silent heroes of our cynical society and I salute them for that. Though they are seldom recognized for their simple but honest work, the kind of service they render are forever etched in the hearts of their grateful patients. These are the workers who know that service coming straight from the heart gives satisfaction to the soul.

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Best ideas for Manila's renewal

LETTERS

IN 1906, the famous architect Daniel Burnham said that, with its unique assets, Manila could equal the world's greatest cities. Unfortunately, since the 1960s, Manila has visibly decayed.

This cannot be attributed solely to poverty, for Jakarta and Hanoi are so much more attractive.

Fortunately, the administration of Mayor Lito Atienza is opening a series of development projects to revitalize the city. For these to succeed, he must tap the expertise of the country's best architects and planners. However, this can only happen if City Hall institutes selection procedures that are fair and transparent. Otherwise, future projects will repeat the incongruities of the new Plaza Miranda.

To be fair, the renovated Plaza Miranda has its merits. The rotunda in the Underpass consists of a circle of simple, nobly proportioned columns. On the plaza itself, the arcades exhibit the Sea Lion that symbolizes Manila. However, the four gates leading to the plaza are totally unnecessary. The fine view of Quiapo Church from Villalobos Street is now spoiled by a massive gate where a miniature belfry (what for?) sits on buttresses like a spider. Worse, the twisting, cream baroque pillars are matched with red brick pedestals. It's rather like wearing a white linen suit over red satin drawers.

I make this observation as one who wants the mayor to succeed. I know him personally and indeed served for a while in his historical commission. I love what he has done. He's beginning to set up development planning bodies in every district; and he has improved Carriedo by clustering the sidewalk vendors under a long canopy.

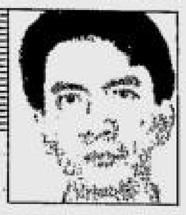
I also know that as the head of the Manila Historical Commission, he showed a deep understanding of particular issues in heritage such as the correct inscriptions for important sites.

My proposal is this: To get the best ideas for Manila, why not hold national and even international competitions for, say, the rehabilitation of Avenida Rizal? Fort Bonifacio held an international design contest. When completed, winning pieces, like Lor Calma's fountain of light, will win world attention. Other cities aiming to compete in the global forum, like Beijing, Shanghai and Berlin, likewise hold international design competitions with superb results. Should Filipino architects, whether working for the City of Manila or practicing in private, win in a city-sponsored competition, their triumph will be all the more glorious. And their glory will be the administration's as well.

Manila is our capital city. In a global age, only world-class designs will do.—**FERNANDO NAKPIL-ZIALCITA, Cultural Heritage Program, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Ateneo de Manila University, Loyola Heights, Quezon City**

The folly of drug testing

PINOY KASI



Michael L. Tan

WHAT'S this I hear about the Land Transportation Office (LTO) requiring drug testing for those applying for a professional driver's license? I agree, totally, that we need to do something about drivers who use drugs, but drug testing is not the solution. Not only that, this new policy will create new problems.

Let's deal first with the technical facts. Drug testing looks for traces of drugs or their metabolites (by-products) in a person's urine (or, in some newer tests, saliva and hair samples). There are also tests for alcohol which analyze levels in a person's breath.

There are various analytical methods used for testing but these are all generally limited, mainly because of the way our bodies work. Drugs, like food, do not stay forever in our bodies. In fact, the drugs that law enforcers are concerned about are excreted quite rapidly from the body.

I'll just give some examples of drugs which we're concerned with in the Philippines. Amphetamines, which include shabu and ecstasy, are excreted from the body within one to three days. Cannabinoid substances (chemicals from marijuana) are detectable from 3 to 30 days.

Those figures are averages, with the rate of excretion affected by many factors. Exercise and a large amount of food, for example, speed up elimination of the drugs from the body. Ironically, the drugs are more easily excreted in chronic users—habitual marijuana users have been known to test negative even after a week-long binge. Thin people, because they have less fatty tissue in which the chemicals can be deposited, also tend to eliminate the chemicals more rapidly from their bodies and we know many shabu dependents tend to be emaciated from the lack of proper nutrition and sleep.

My point here is that it is so easy to get around drug testing. Shabu users only need to keep away from the drug for a few days before taking the test. If you check the Internet you'll find all kinds of websites that have been put up to help people get around the "bladder police" (the drug testers), with tips like taking diuretics (drugs to make you urinate) to speed up excretion.

What I've discussed are the possibilities of false negatives, i.e., drug dependents getting past the drug tests. I'm also worried about false positives, i.e., cases where a person is not using prohibited drugs but comes out with a positive test. This happens because the prohibited drugs often have "relatives" among the legal drugs, i.e., their chemical structures are similar so they will react with the chemicals used in the tests. For example, cough and cold remedies contain amphetamine-like substances so a [illegible] jeepney driver who takes a high dose of a cold medicine the night before applying for a license just might fail his drug test, and get into deeper trouble.

Other drugs that can produce false positives include the painkiller ibuprofen, which gives a positive result for tests looking for marijuana metabolites. Similarly, someone whose dentist just used a local anesthetic such as lidocaine will react positively to tests for cocaine use.

These problems of false positives and false negatives are related to the technical limitations of drug testing. Other problems come from "human factors." Samples can get mixed up, reading of results can be sloppy and, worse of all, there can be all kinds of strange things that happen to the samples being tested. The LTO has been notorious for its network of fixers and given that these tests will be contracted to outside laboratories, you can imagine all the innovative irregularities that can be concocted.

(Let's pause for a bit of comic relief with a story I picked up from an Internet website designed to counter the "bladder police." The website manager claims he had a friend who was able to substitute his dog's urine several times and came clean. The website manager himself writes that he couldn't use his own dog's urine because this loyal companion was constantly raiding his marijuana supplies!)

I suspect the LTO's new drug testing requirement is copied from the United States, which passed an Omnibus Transport Employee Testing Act in 1991. That act requires testing for drugs, including alcohol, for drivers of commercial vehicles (e.g., trucks, buses). But this Act is part of a broader program that regulates the use of several drugs, including alcohol. For example, the act prohibits the use of alcohol on the job, and four hours before driving.

Moreover, the American law shifts the burden of drug testing to the employers so the drug testing is not a one-shot deal. There is pre-employment testing, post-accident testing, "reasonable suspicion" testing, return-to-duty testing. Some companies even add random unannounced tests.

If the LTO is serious about safeguarding the riding public, it should be getting these public utility drivers into workshops and drilling them on traffic rules and regulations. Education about dangerous drugs can then be incorporated into these workshops, and that should include not just the prohibited drugs but also alcohol and common over-the-counter medicines that can impair driving. (Why do you think some drug companies are now introducing "drowse-free" formulations of their cold remedies?)

The new drug-testing requirement only tells you the applicant probably did not use shabu the last three days. In exchange he or she gets a three-year license. Drug testing does nothing for the safety of the public. Your guess is as good as mine as to why government is so gung-ho on requiring the tests.

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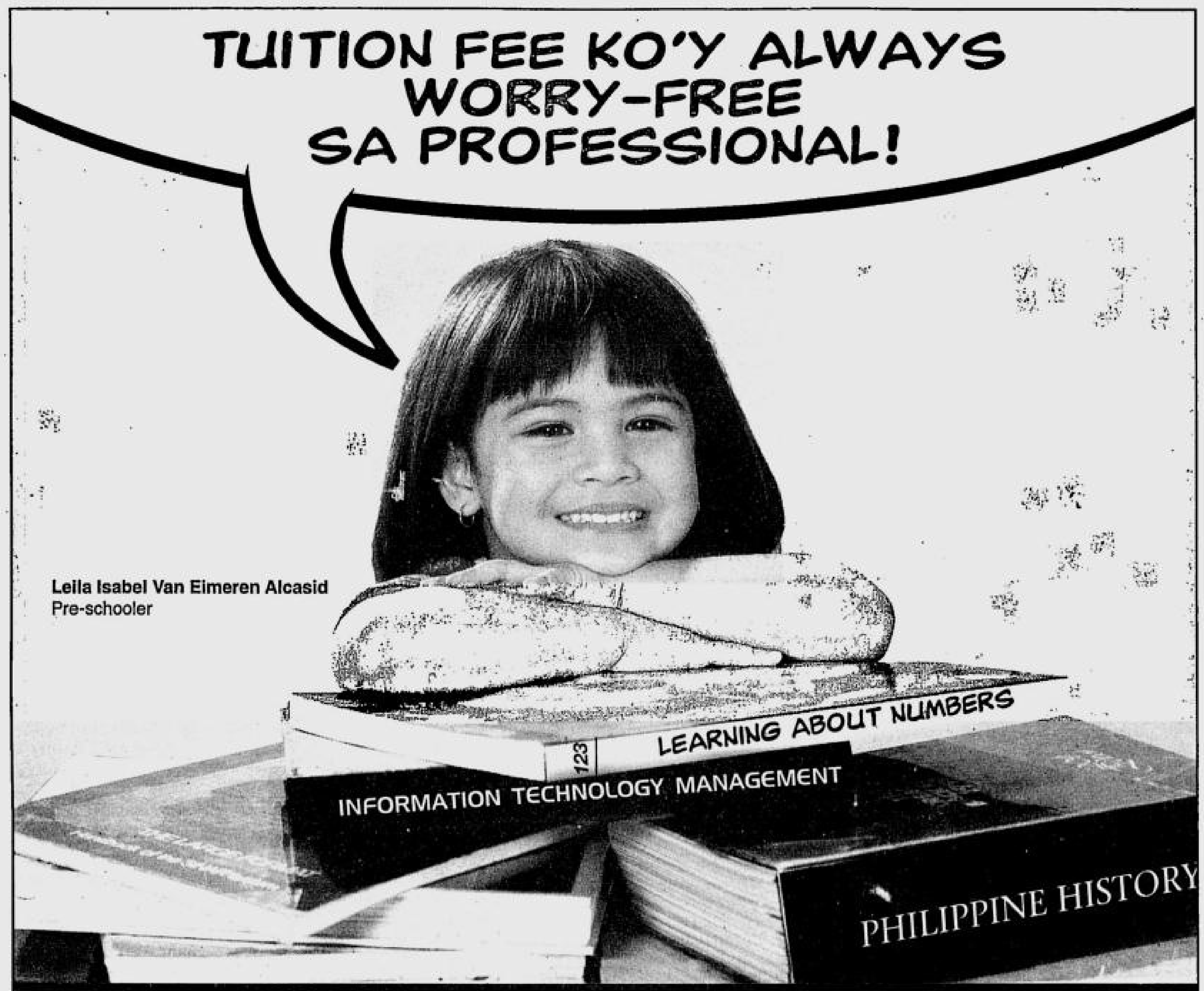
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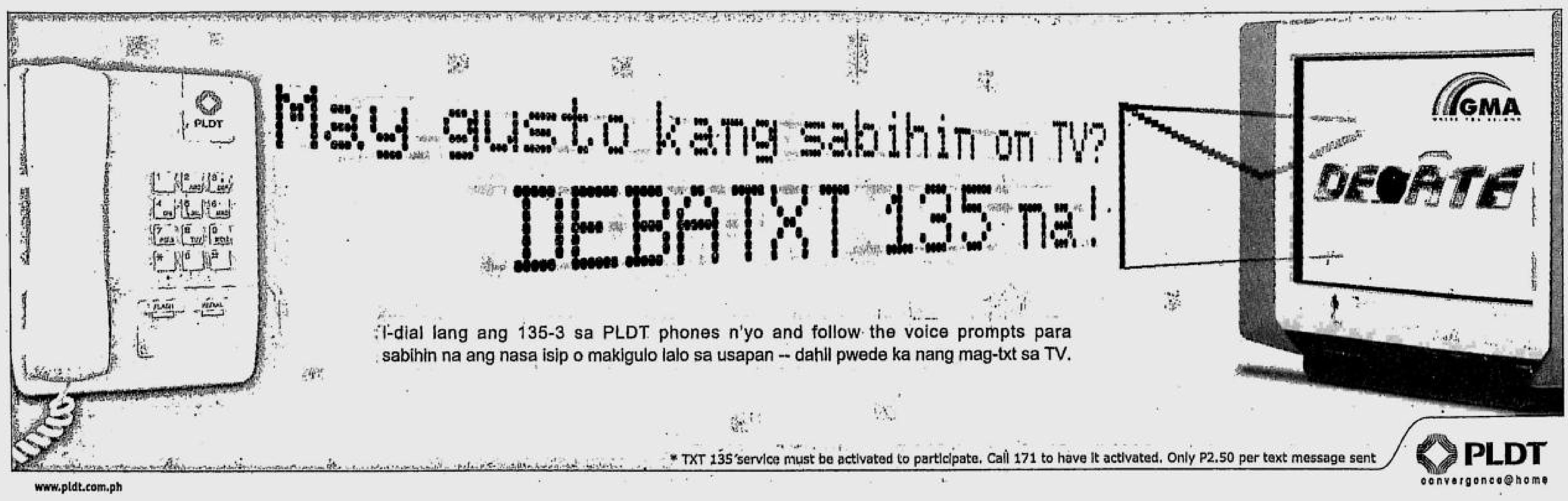

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Warning raised on cyber-attack

WASHINGTON—Computer experts want the US Congress to imagine a terrorist assault that combines the massive destruction of Sept. 11 with a simultaneous cyber-attack.

In a testimony prepared for a House hearing yesterday, a witness raised chilling "what if" scenarios as experts called for a crash research effort to protect critical computer systems.

"What if the terrorists were also able to impact our communications system, thus hampering the rescue and recovery efforts?" asked Terry Benzel, a vice president of Network Associates Inc. in Santa Clara, California.

"What if the attackers were able to compromise systems monitoring the water supply for Manhattan? What if power to parts of the northeast corridor could have been brought down through a cyber-attack on key systems? We must prepare now to prevent this from happening."

The chair of the House science committee, New York Republican Rep. Sherwood Boehlert said that while computer networks are vulnerable to criminal and terrorist attacks, research and development on computer security had not kept pace with the threat.

"To put it simply, we need more people to be doing more creative thinking about computer security. That's what our adversaries are doing," Boehlert said.

Computer networks now are critical to electric power, natural gas, petroleum production and distribution, telecommunications, transportation, water supplies, banking and finance and emergency services.

A science committee background paper said many experts believed only 45 to 75 researchers in the nation had the experience to conduct cutting-edge research in computer security.

Benzel, whose company is a leading supplier of network security, said the most alarming scenario was a combined physical and cyber attack that brings "cascading disruptions on a regional, national or international scale." *AP*

ASEAN STATEMENT ON TERRORISM

Cool response to RP efforts

PHILIPPINE efforts to have the Association of Southeast Asian Nations leaders issue a strong statement on terrorism have met with a lukewarm response and would probably be abandoned, officials said yesterday.

President Macapagal-Arroyo announced last month that she would try to get Asean leaders to issue a statement on international terrorism during their annual summit in Brunei on Nov. 5-6.

"The chances of issuing a statement the way we envisioned it have diminished as we take into consideration the views of other sectors," Vice President and Foreign Secretary Teofisto Guingona told reporters.

In any event, the proposed statement "may have been (overtaken) by the (US-led) attacks against Afghanistan" and its guest the Saudi militant Osama bin Laden, he added.

A senior Filipino official, who asked not to be named, said some Asean members wanted the proposed declaration to focus on a call to address the "root causes" of terrorism, something which Manila considers would "dilute" its original proposal.

The disagreement has led to the cancellation of the annual Asean foreign ministers' meeting scheduled before the Asean summit, according to sources.

Asean includes Indonesia, where there have been violent anti-US protests against the military strikes on Afghanistan, and Malaysia, where Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad has unequivocally opposed the US-led action.

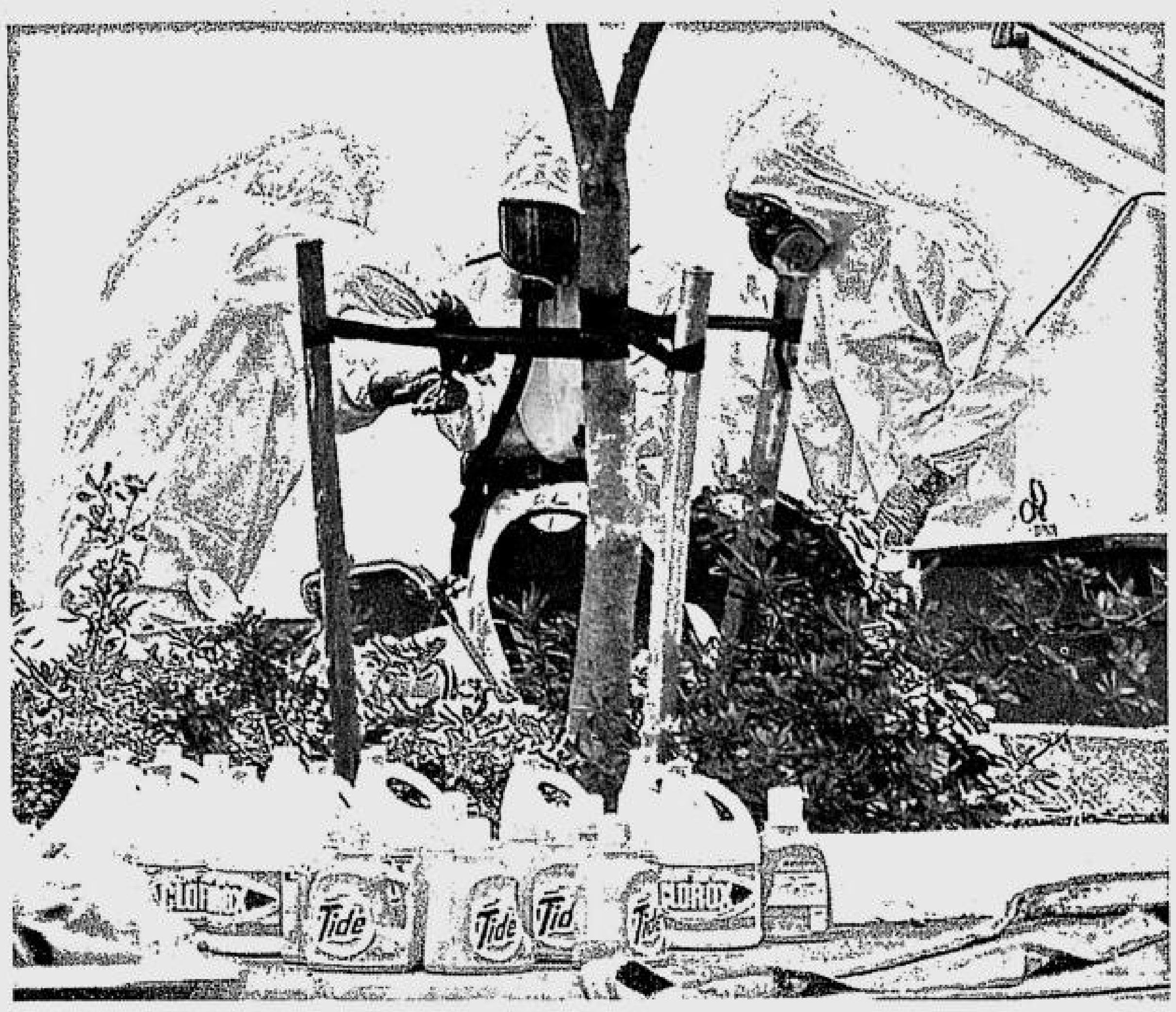
The 10-member Asean also includes Brunei, Cambodia, Laos, Burma, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

Guingona said Asean officials were discussing a Thai proposal for a ministerial meeting on Oct. 15 to discuss the US-led campaign.

But Guingona said he would pursue bilateral meetings with the Indonesian and Malaysian foreign ministers at the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (Apec) meeting in Shanghai next week to discuss a related proposal to cooperate in combating terrorism on a bilateral basis.

The Philippines has its own internal problems with militants opposed to central government rule. A local Muslim rebel group, the Abu Sayyaf, who have links to Bin Laden, have been terrorizing the south of the country for years.

They are still holding two Americans along with 16 Filipino hostages and are believed to have beheaded a third American hostage in June. ***Reports from Donna Pazzibugan and AFP***



AN FBI special investigation team member is assisted by fire fighters in the decontamination process at American Media Inc. in Boca Raton, Florida. The publishing facility remains a biohazard crime scene as federal agents attempt to gather information into the death of a worker who was exposed to anthrax. REUTERS

No further trace of anthrax in Florida

BOCA RATON, Florida—Investigators have found no further sign of anthrax in the office of a man killed by the disease since traces were found on his computer keyboard and in the nose of a co-worker, health officials said.

There have been no additional cases of contamination, Florida health department spokesperson Tim O'Connor said.

Hundreds of people are waiting for test results to learn whether they were exposed to anthrax at the Boca Raton headquarters of supermarket tabloid publisher American Media.

Some worked closely with Robert Stevens, a 63-year-old Sun editor who died of anthrax Friday. Investigators say anthrax bacteria were later found on his computer keyboard and in the nasal passages of mailroom employee Ernesto Blanco, 73. Blanco was in good condition at an area hospital, O'Connor said.

The source of the anthrax, which can be used as a biological weapon, is the subject of an investigation involving the FBI and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Federal authorities said Tuesday they are awaiting test results to determine whether the strain of anthrax that killed Stevens was manmade or natural. Earlier Tuesday, federal officials said they believed the bacteria was manmade, but they later said tests had not been completed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. *AP*

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Most-wanted list of terrorists readied

WASHINGTON—The Bush administration is readying a new "most wanted" list of suspected terrorists who remain at large, seeking to bolster the pressure for their capture.

President George W. Bush was expected to announce the list Wednesday during an appearance at the FBI headquarters that has been at the epicenter of the investigation into the Sept. 11 suicide hijackings.

Law enforcement and government officials familiar with the list said the final drafts included 19 to 22 names, including that of Osama bin Laden and two deputies, Ayman al-Zawahri and Mohamed Atef.

Officials have said evidence gathered since Sept. 11 has connected both deputies to the suicide hijacking plot. The international police agency Interpol also issued an arrest warrant for al-Zawahri since the Sept. 11 hijackings.

The officials, who spoke only on condition of anonymity, said others expected to make the new Bush list included:

- Ahmed Khfaklan Ghailani and Sheikh Ahmed Salim Swedan, two al-Qaida operatives accused of buying a truck used in the US Embassy bombings in Africa in 1983.
- Saif al Adel, whom British Prime Minister Tony Blair last week identified as a senior member of al-Qaida believed to have provided training to tribes in Somalia, where US troops were attacked and killed in 1993.
- Ibrahim al-Yacoub and Abdel Karim al-Nasser, two men named as suspects in the federal grand jury indictment issued in the 1996 Khobar Towers bombing in Saudi Arabia.

Officials said others named on the list would include suspects in the 1985 hijacking of TWA Flight 847, the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center and a foiled 1995 plot to bomb airliners in the Far East.

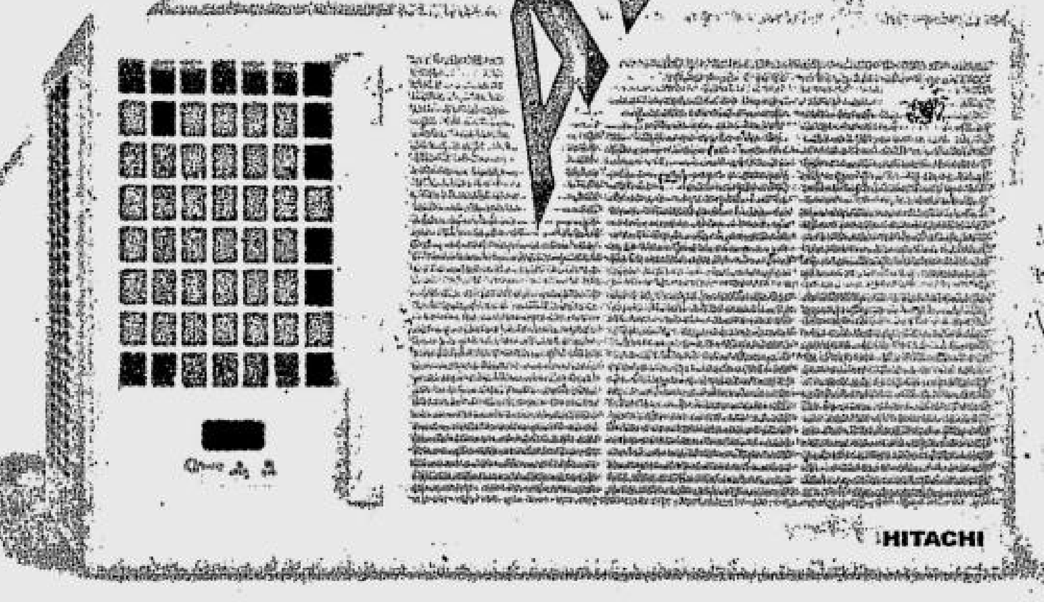
Law enforcement officials also said Tuesday they were beginning to narrow their focus on possible collaborators to a much smaller group among the estimated 600 people arrested or detained in the investigation since Sept. 11.

Among those being most closely examined, officials said, were:

- Atef and al-Zawahri, the two Bin Laden deputies.
- Two men apprehended after they left New Jersey on a jetliner on the day of the attacks and later boarded a train headed to Texas. They were found with box cutters like those used by the hijackers.
- A French-Algerian man arrested before the attacks in Minnesota who raised suspicions when he sought flight training for a jetliner but did not want to learn landing.
- A man arrested in Britain who prosecutors alleged helped train the hijackers to fly.

Overseas, anti-terrorist detectives in Ireland arrested three Libyans and an Algerian at their Dublin homes on suspicion of fund raising and providing logistical support to groups linked to al-Qaida.

More than $13,000 in cash, documents and financial records were seized, detectives said. They were also investigating the four men's various bank accounts. *AP*



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Arafat demands UN resolution on ceasefire

DOHA—Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat called on the UN Security Council yesterday to adopt a resolution to force Israel to respect its ceasefire with the Palestinians.

"The Security Council must adopt a resolution to force the Israeli government to respect the ceasefire, to stop its attacks" against the Palestinian people, Arafat said at the opening of a ministerial meeting of the Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC) in Doha.

"There needs to be an international mechanism to supervise the ceasefire," he said, calling for "a team of international observers" to be sent to the Palestinian territories to "put an end to the blood-letting of Palestinians, an essential step to ensure a minimum of security."

Arafat said his people were "victims of the most serious military escalation by Israel at a time when the world is preoccupied by the tragic events in the United States."

The Palestinian leader "strongly condemned the criminal acts that killed innocent people in Washington and New York," expressing "his sincere solidarity with US President George W. Bush and the American people."

"We announce that all our resources, as limited as they might be, are at the disposal of the world's states, the international community and the United Nations to protect the international community from blind global terrorism, which threatens peace and coexistence between peoples," he said.

Praising Bush's support for a Palestinian state, Arafat said "the establishment of the Palestinian state, with Jerusalem as its capital, is essential for peace, security and stability in the Middle East region." *AP*

FRENCH REPORT

London center for crime money

PARIS—London is used as an investment center by terrorist organizations, and the Channel Islands are "factories for laundering money from crime," a report to the French national assembly (parliament) said on Wednesday.

London is "very attractive for money launderers" because of permissive legislation regarding trusts guaranteeing anonymity for beneficiaries and because certain financial professionals were not regulated, the report said.

As a result, the financial center has become a "site of placements by terrorist organizations," it added.

Britain rejected the accusations, with government officials terming them "offensive" and insisting that the City of London had one of the most stringent set of laws to combat money laundering.

"No one is denying that, despite strong controls, there have been cases of money laundering in the UK, just as there have in many other countries including France," a government spokesperson said.

"The point is that we have laws against it, and when we discover money laundering we prosecute.

"To suggest that (London) facilitates financing of terrorists through front organization is an offensive allegation and it's groundless," she said.

The French report, called "The City of London, Gibraltar and Crown dependencies: offshore centers, sanctuaries for dirty money," was prepared by a working group on money laundering at the French parliament and written by Socialist deputy Arnaud Montebourg.

Describing London as "a state within the state," in which about $3,496 billion has been accumulated in bank accounts, the report said it showed "haughty indifference to the risk of laundering."

The report also criticized the Channel Islands of Jersey and Guernsey, saying that "the strategic choices concerning fiscal and banking matters" made by the authorities "with the tacit backing of, if not the explicit support of, the United Kingdom," means that these territories are "true black holes in world finance."

At a time when groups believed close to millionaire Osama bin Laden have found ways to profit from financial deregulation, it is "no surprise to discover the importance, for criminal organizations with terrorist aims, of London and the offshore territories," the report said.

The French deputies also condemned a "lack of judicial cooperation" by Britain in criminal cases as well as those involving financial affairs.

Britain's Home Office (interior ministry) "continues its obstinate tradition of hampering European investigations and slowing, if not paralyzing, the fight against money laundering," they said.

Although British Prime Minister Tony Blair's government decided in 1997 to reinforce financial legislation, the results of efforts to fight money laundering remained meager four years on, the French report charged. *AFP*

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Excerpts from the Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of the members of the National Directorate of the League of Municipalities of the Philippines (LMP) held at the Century Park Hotel, Manila on 08 October 2001.

ND Resolution No. 05 - 2001

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT TO THE DENR ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 17 SERIES OF 2001 ENTITLED DELINEATING/DELIMITING MUNICIPAL WATERS.

WHEREAS, the League of Municipalities of the Philippines (LMP), during the conduct of the First Conference of Coastal Municipalities issued Resolution No.1 series of 1999, urgently requesting the concerned national government agencies to fast track the delineation of municipal waters for the direct social and economic benefit of the majority of Philippine communities;

WHEREAS, the LMP participated actively in all the deliberations held last year conducted by the DENR-NAMRIA, DA-BFAR, DOJ, members of the academe and the civil society and was duly consulted on the final draft guidelines now espoused in DAO 17;

WHEREAS, the LMP earnestly believes that there are strong legal and technical bases supporting DAO 17 such as the Philippine Constitution, Fisheries Code of the Philippines and most especially the Local Government Code of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, the LMP recognizes the potential economic benefit of coastal municipalities and non-coastal municipalities in its peripheries out of an improved management of municipal waters;

NOW THEREFORE, premises considered and upon motion en masse,

BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the League of Municipalities of the Philippines, represented by the National Directorate, reaffirms and make public its full and uncompromising support to the DENR DAO 17;

RESOLVED FURTHER that the LMP enjoins local government units at all levels to be united with the organization in this declaration in the spirit of genuine local autonomy;

RESOLVED FURTHER that the LMP requests the Department of Justice to render its legal opinion based on the most transparent and liberal interpretation of Philippine laws;

RESOLVED FURTHER that the LMP requests the appropriate national government agencies to allocate and whenever necessary, re-align their budgets to support municipal LGU's coastal management programs;

RESOLVED FURTHER that the LMP requests the appropriate Committees of both Houses of Congress to legislate measures that will further enhance local government's proprietary rights over municipal waters in support of the government's food security and poverty alleviation program;

RESOLVED FINALLY that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Office of the President, Offices of the DENR Secretary, DA Secretary, BFAR Director and other offices concerned for their information and appropriate actions.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Done this 8th day of October 2001 at the Century Park Hotel, Manila.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing resolution.

Mayor PACIFICO LI. MAYOR
Secretary General

Approved by:

Mayor RAMON N. GUICO, JR.
National President

WORLDBRIEFS

Hauled to shore

MURMANSK, Russia—A behemoth barge with the battered carcass of the Kursk submarine clamped underneath was set to reach shore Wednesday escorted by ships that will check to make sure that the sub's twin nuclear reactors don't leak radiation. The Kursk wreck, which was raised from the Barents Sea floor by a Dutch consortium on Monday, is expected to arrive in Roslyakovo near Murmansk on Wednesday afternoon. It will take another week to complete the docking. Officials had initially predicted the arrival for about noon, but the press center for the Northern Fleet said later that the huge barge was moving very slowly through the narrow Kola Bay and could take several hours to pull in to dock. It said no problems had been reported with the towing so far. The Kursk's two 190-megawatt nuclear reactors have been a primary concern since the submarine exploded and sank during a naval exercise more than a year ago, killing its entire 118-man crew. Officials have said the reactors had been safely shut down when the disaster occurred and leaked no radiation. *AP*

In honor of Mansfield

ARLINGTON, Virginia—President George W. Bush ordered flags lowered to half-staff at federal buildings around the United States on Wednesday in honor of the late Mike Mansfield, the longest-serving majority leader in Senate history and former ambassador to Japan. Memorial services for Mansfield, who died Friday at age 98, were planned for Wednesday at Fort Myer Memorial Chapel, adjacent to Arlington National Cemetery, where Mansfield will be buried. He will be eulogized by Charles Ferris, a longtime friend and formerly his legal counsel when he served in the Senate. Mansfield, a Democrat from Montana, presided over the Senate from 1961 to 1976, a time in America marked by strife over Vietnam, civil rights and White House scandals that brought down former President Richard Nixon. "Mike Mansfield was a leader in extraordinary times. He was the sage, laconic captain with his hand firmly on the wheel," Sen. Max Baucus said Tuesday in a speech on the Senate floor. *AP*

Ruling on Chirac

PARIS—France's highest court ruled Wednesday that President Jacques Chirac cannot be forced to testify as long as he is president in an investigation of alleged wrongdoing while he was Paris mayor. The ruling is a major victory for Chirac, who has gained greatly in stature with his public statements of support in the international fight against terrorism following the Sept. 11 attacks in the United States. Chirac is expected to face off against Socialist Prime Minister Lionel Jospin in presidential elections next year. The issue of whether a sitting president has immunity has been debated for years. Investigators had sought to question the conservative Chirac in several corruption scandals. The president has always said he is protected by presidential immunity. Last Friday at the hearing before the Court of Cassation, the prosecutor, State attorney Regis de Gouttes, argued that Chirac has immunity from prosecution as a sitting head of state but could appear as a witness—as long as he is not accused and the case does not address his term as president. *AP*

THE DAILY GOSPEL

Thursday, October 11, 2001
27th Week in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: **Mal 3:13-20**
Gospel: **Lk 11:5-13**

Jesus said to his disciples, "Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to his house in the middle of the night and says: 'Friend, lend me three loaves, for a friend of mine who is traveling has just arrived and I have nothing to offer him.' Maybe your friend will answer from inside: 'Don't bother me now; the door is locked and my children and I are in bed, so I can't get up and give you anything.' But I tell you, even though he will not get up and attend to you because you are a friend, yet he will get up because you are a bother to him, and he will give you all you need.

And so I say to you, 'Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and it will be opened to you. For the one who asks receives, and the one who searches finds, and to him who knocks the door will be opened.

If your child asks for a fish, will you give a snake instead? And if your child asks for an egg, will you give a scorpion? Even you evil people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more then will the Father in heaven give holy spirit to those who ask him!"

Commentary

For every human action, God has his corresponding response. We are to knock. Where? Jewish teachers say at "God's door of mercy" or at the "door of the knowledge of the law." Here in Luke, the knocking could be the action of the persistent friend at midnight for emergency. We are to search. Whom? In the prophet Jeremiah, God says, "You will seek me and find me, when you seek with all your heart." We are to ask. What? Luke says, not just good things, but the Giver of all gifts, the Holy Spirit. So, ask for the Spirit. Seek God. And knock for his mercy and understanding and in emergencies. All these will be yours for the asking, seeking, and knocking with all your heart.

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SUPREME COURT DOCTRINES

REMEDIAL LAW (CRIMINAL PROCEDURE)—Sweetheart defense—Accused-appellant's claim that he and the private complainant are sweethearts deserve scant consideration. Other than his bare assertions, accused-appellant adduced no independent proof that he was the sweetheart of the victim. This defense was neither corroborated by any other witness nor substantiated by any memento, picture or token. This claim is further negated by the behavior of the victim at the time of the commission of the offense where she was found bloodied, disoriented and babbling incoherently by responding policemen. If at all, her conduct and condition spell *finis* to any pretension that the sexual act was consensual. Further, private complainant denied having any such relationship with accused-appellant and she remained unwavering even under intense grilling by defense counsel. Even assuming *ex gratia argumenti* that accused-appellant and private complainant were indeed sweethearts as he claims, this fact alone will not extricate him from his predicament. There mere assertion of a 'love relationship' would not necessarily rule out the use of force to consummate the crime. In rape cases, the gravamen of the offense is sexual intercourse with a woman against her will or without her consent. This Court has consistently held that '[a] sweetheart cannot be forced to have sex against her will. Definitely, a man cannot demand sexual gratification from a fiancee, worse, employ violence upon her on the pretext of love. Love is not a license for lust." (People v. Manahan, G.R. No. 128157, September 29, 1999) [Citations omitted.] [*En Banc*, Justice Ynares-Santiago, People v. Baway, G.R. No. 130406, January 22, 2001]

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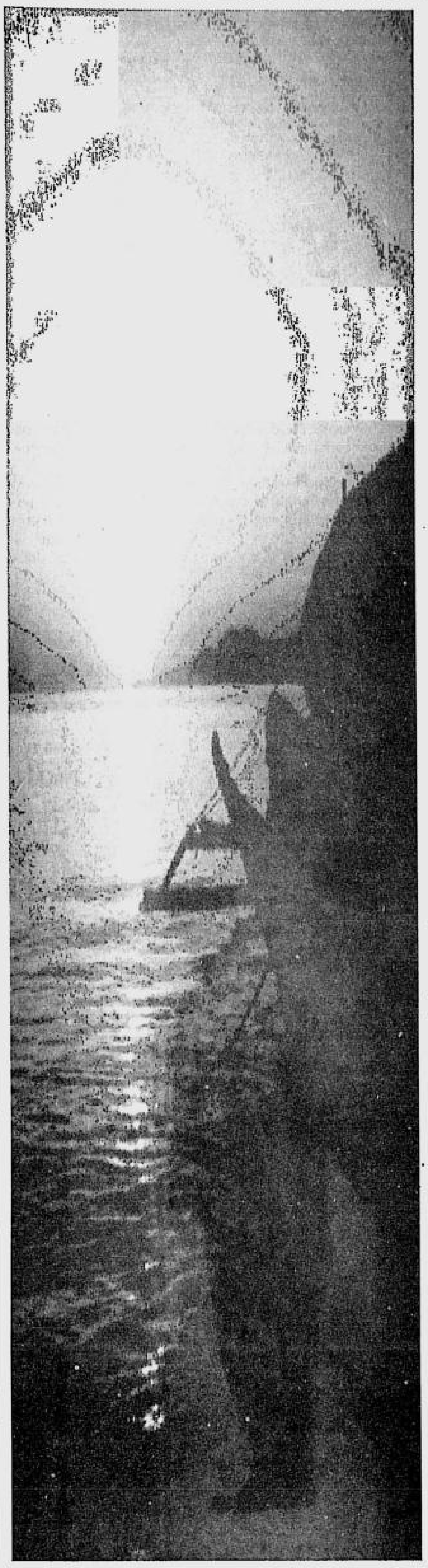

IPATUPAD ANG DAO 17!

(Ang Department Administrative Order 2001-17 ay inilabas ni DENR Secretary Heherson Alvarez noong ika-6 ng Hunyo 2001, na naglalahad ng alituntunin sa pagtatalaga at pagsusukat ng 15-km katubigang munisipal na naayon sa RA 8550 o Philippine Fisheries Code of 1998)

Kami sa hanay ng maliliit na mangingisda, NGOs at akademya at mga sumusuportang grupo ay nangangamba sa pagkabinbin ng DAO 17 dahil sa manipulasyon at maniobra ng iilang may pansariling interes na nakikinabang sa kasalukuyang sistema ng pangisdaan.

Layunin ng DAO 17 ang malinaw na pagtatalaga ng katubigang munisipal (municipal waters). Sa pamamagitan nito ay:

§ Magiging mas maagarang pagpapatupad ng batas pangisdaan lalo na sa bahagi ng pamahalaang lokal.

§ Magiging mas maayos ang pamamahala ng ating likas yaman sa katubigang munisipal na ikinabubuhay ng higit na 8 milyong katao na mangingisda at aming kapamilya

§ Makatarungang mapapamahagi ang pakinabang mula sa katubigang munisipal sa pamayanang kostal na sa ngayon ay nagigipit dahil sa pang-aagaw ng likas yaman ng iilan.

§ Magkakaroon ng kasiguruhan sa pagkain (food security) ang mahigit na 800 lungsod at munisipyong baybayin dahil sa pagbibigay sa kanila ng direktang pamamahala ng kanilang katubigang munisipal.

Kami ay nananawagan sa mga mambabatas at sa pamahalaan na huwag magpagamit sa mga pansariling interes ng iilan at sa halip ay tumugon sa pangangailangan ng higit na nakakarami.

Aming hinihingi ang agarang pagpapatupad ng DAO 17!

ARYA DAO 17!

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Cops disperse Cavite women strikers

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ROSARIO, Cavite—About 70 armed and truncheon-wielding policemen and members of the Philippine Economic Zone Authority (Peza) Police Force broke up on Tuesday the five-month-old strike at the Triple Eight Garments Manufacturing Corp. at the Cavite Export Processing Zone (CEPZ) here.

Emmanuel Asuncion, chair of the Solidarity of Cavite Workers (SCW), said that around 6:30 a.m., the striking workers, mostly women, set up a human blockade in front of the factory to prevent the entry of more than 100 scabs being escorted by the Peza police.

Asuncion said the scabs rode in a delivery truck and service van of the company.

"The Peza police harassed and coerced the striking workers, but the latter insisted that only legitimate workers of the company are allowed entry," Asuncion said.

He said a Peza police officer, Reneo Saturno, sprayed water on the strikers.

The police officers tried to thrust themselves into the striking workers who lay down in front of the gate, he said. The town police also blocked all entry and exit roads, he added.

According to Asuncion, Maryjane Arada, Peza industrial relations division chief, arrived around 9:30 a.m. at the factory and "ordered the police to disperse the strikers and the scabs to get inside."

She also ordered the dismantling of the workers' temporary shelter in the strike area," he said.

The INQUIRER tried several times to reach Arada by cellular phone to confirm Asuncion's claim yesterday, but no one answered the calls.

The Peza main office in Manila also did not respond to the INQUIRER's request for interview yesterday.

But in a telephone interview on Monday, Arada said the strikers, "violated the rules by obstructing the ingress and egress of the company operations."

"These strikers don't have the right to stop company operations by blocking the gates of the company," she added.

She said she wanted to talk directly with the workers involved and not with non-workers from the Workers Assistance Center.

"The problem is that the people who are aggressively taking up the issue with us are not the workers themselves," Arada said.

In its press statement, the SCW identified the injured strikers as Josie Regala, Avelina Ardina, Annabele de Vivar, Wilhelmina Castillo, Ederlina Ciria, Amy Macatumbas, Herminia Helario and Concepcion Enriquez.

Loida Mantes, president of the Bukluran ng mga Manggagawang Nagkakaisa sa Triple Eight Garments (Bumanat-Ind-SCW) decried the dispersal as proof of the connivance of the Peza with foreign capitalists.

In the telephone interview, Arada said it was "impossible to connive with the capitalists because this was against the law."

"Maybe because I allowed the operation of the company while the strike is going on, that's why they think the Peza was favoring the capitalists," she said.

"But what they want is to totally shut the company down, which should not be the case because we want jobs for our people," Arada said.

On Monday, some 250 workers led by the SCW held a rally in front of the Peza main office to denounce the "connivance" with the foreign capitalists at the CEPZ.

They demanded a resolution of the strike and the reinstatement of union officials who were dismissed, suspension of the company's import-export business until the labor dispute has been resolved, investigation of the Peza alleged connivance with capitalists, and a stop to hiring of scabs.

3 drug 'couriers' plead not guilty

CEBU CITY—Three alleged couriers of the Hong Kong Triad yesterday entered a plea of not guilty during their arraignment for charges of possession of illegal drugs.

Vicente Ceniza and brothers Nanan and Jovan Jimenez heard the charges filed against them by the police at the sala of Judge Fortunato de Gracia Jr. of the Regional Trial Court.

The three denied that 33397 grams of shabu (methamphetamine hydrochloride) were seized from them on Sept. 7 in Barangay Mabolo, this city.

Assistant City Prosecutor Mary Ann Castro asked Judge De Gracia for "necessary" amendments to the names of the accused.

She said the accused should give their true names because they were only using aliases. If not corrected, she added, the wrong people might be charged.

Castro also asked the court that the Starex van be returned to them because it would be used as evidence.

De Gracia granted the request of the prosecution and ordered that the van be turned over to the state.

True names

The Jimenez brothers and Ceniza did not immediately answer until they were told by their lawyer, Pedro Leslie Salva, to give their true names.

Nanan Jimenez admitted that he was using an alias and that his full name is Giovanni Jimenez.

The Jimenez brothers and Ceniza were arrested inside the Starex van where a team from the police detective bureau headed by Codiñera found more than 300 grams of shabu.

Senior Supt. Hiram Binatiro, Cebu City police director, earlier claimed that the three got their illegal drugs from a Taiwanese who was reportedly a member of the Hong Kong Triad.

The Starex van, with license plate No. BHT 999, was impounded at the Cebu City Police Office Compound on Gorordo Avenue.

It was reportedly turned over to Salva after Judge Idelfonso Suerte of the RTC in Barili town quashed the search warrant that was used to search the vehicle and Room 306 of the Sugbo Realty Condominium in Barangay Mabolo where the accused allegedly lived.

Suerte granted Salva's motion to quash the warrant because Codiñera and his team members had searched the areas and persons not covered by the document.

But Suerte later recalled the order upon learning that charges had already been filed against the three.

In an earlier interview, Suerte said he would not have qushed the warrant had the police and the prosecutor informed him that charges had been filed against the suspects before the RTC in Cebu City. *Debra Jane Magallon, with a report from Jhunnex Napallacan, PDI Visayas Bureau*

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ARMM officials slam 'meager' budget, boycott hearing

COTABATO CITY—Officials of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao on Tuesday said the national government was choking the regional government by dropping its proposed budget and giving instead a "very meager pocket money" with which to operate next year.

Lawyer Jose Lorena, secretary of the ARMM labor department and acting ARMM spokesperson, said the regional department heads intentionally did not show up during last week's public hearing on the ARMM proposed budget for 2002.

"We didn't have to defend budget intended for personnel services because that is mandated by law," Lorena said.

Officials said the Department of Budget and Management has imposed the 2002 budget on the ARMM.

Regardless of who sits as ARMM governor, the government is mandated to provide budget for the people of the region, they said.

ARMM Gov. Nur Misuari's term and those of other elected and appointive officials will end the moment newly elected officials shall have been proclaimed and assumed office. The ARMM election is scheduled for Nov. 26.

In boycotting the budget hearing, ARMM officials said it was their way of showing their disgust over the way the Macapagal administration was treating Misuari and the people of the autonomous government.

Malacañang's relationship with the ARMM has gone sour since the birth of the Moro National Liberation Front's Council of 15, which broke away from the mainstream MNLF.

The Council of 15 is led by Dr. Parouk Hussin, the administration's candidate for governor.

Lorena said the 1999 funds for the maintenance of national roads and bridges which were given to the DPWH-ARMM amounted to P136 million. But in 2000, the amount was drastically reduced to P66 million.

Suaib Ibrahim, DPWH-ARMM assistant secretary, said the 1999 Infrastructure Fund for the DPWH was P370 million. For this year, Ibrahim said it was "zero," Ibrahim said in a letter to acting Gov. Alvares Isnaji.

Ibrahim said for 2002, the DBM has given the DPWH-ARMM a P50-million budget while the DPWH-Northern Mindanao and the DPWH-Central Mindanao have a combined infrastructure fund of P517.88 million.

The ARMM health department also suffered the brunt of the budget cut.

Dr. Jainal Hamad, DOH-ARMM secretary, said under the DBM prepared budget, his office would receive P27.562 million for its operations next year. ***Edwin Fernandez, PDI Mindanao Bureau***

2 Nur men eye seats in ARMM

COTABATO CITY—Two officials of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, who was closely identified with Gov. Nur Misuari, have filed certificates of candidacy in the regional elections set for Nov. 26.

The move has raised speculations that the Moro National Liberation Front-Misuari faction was now recognizing the coming polls.

It came as a Moro women's group asked President Macapagal-Arroyo to name Bai Sandra Sema as her official candidate in the ARMM gubernatorial race.

The group, called Bangsamoro Movement for Unity in the ARMM, said the three male ARMM governors had failed to deliver. "It is high time that a woman leads the region to do what the men failed," it said.

The group was referring to Nur Misuari, Liningding Pangandanan and Zacaria Candao.

Sema, former ARMM education secretary, is one of the three vice gubernatorial aspirants.

In a statement sent to radio dxMS here, the group said: "The country is in good hands under the leadership of President Macapagal-Arroyo. The ARMM will end up in good hands as well if a woman sits as ARMM chief executive."

Speaker Alvares Isnaji of the ARMM's regional legislative assembly and acting ARMM governor, and Environment Secretary Randy Karon have joined the gubernatorial contest.

The duo are known allies of Misuari, who refused to recognize the results of the Aug. 14 plebiscite that expanded the ARMM and set the coming balloting for Nov. 26, claiming these violated the 1996 peace accord between the government and the MNLF.

Fr. Eliseo Mercado, president of the Notre Dame University and was instrumental in forging the peace agreement, said the entry of Isnaji and Karon could mean that "they now recognize the plebiscite and the election."

"But I don't think Misuari has changed his position," he added.

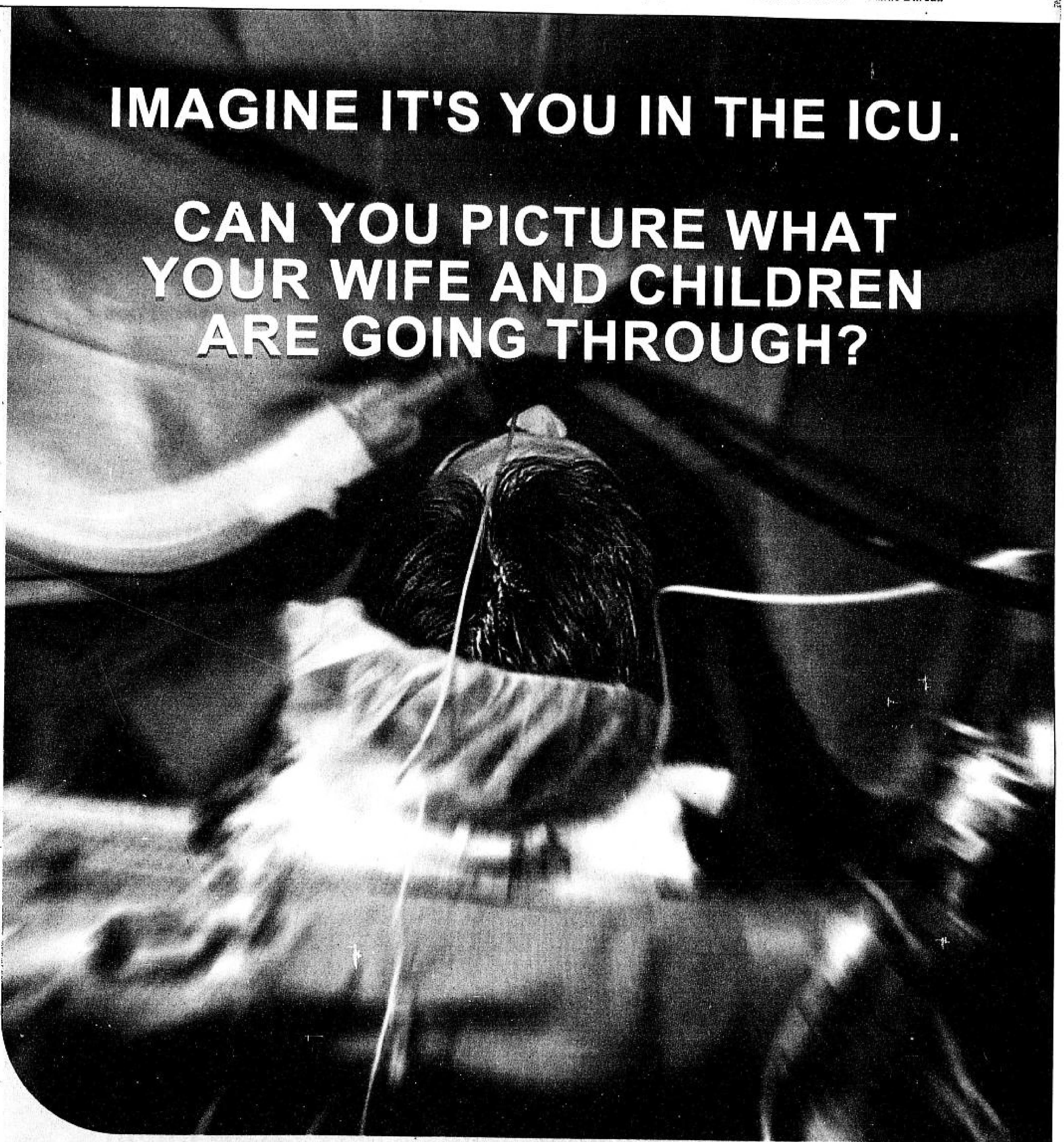
Misuari is still out of the country.

The President has named Dr. Parouk Hussin, MNLF deputy chair and presidential assistant for Muslim Affairs, as the administration's official gubernatorial candidate and former Lanao del Sur Gov. Mahid Mutilan as his running mate.

A source in the ARMM and the Misuari-led faction said Hussin was not qualified to seek public office in the ARMM since he was not a registered voter or a resident, and has not filed his income tax return in the region.

But Cotabato City Mayor Muslimin Sema said Hussin was a qualified candidate and the committee formed by Ms Macapagal has declared him qualified to run. Hussin filed his candidacy in Zamboanga City.

Misuari had earlier said he considered the President's choices of candidates as a clear indication of her administration's "divide and rule" tactic. ***Edwin Fernandez and Charlie Señase, PDI Mindanao Bureau***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FORECAST: Southern Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao will experience cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms. The rest of the country will be partly cloudy to cloudy with isolated rainshowers or thunderstorms.

SOURCE: PAGASA

Metro Manila	Cloudy with Rains	Hi 31° Lo 24°
Baguio	Partly Cloudy	Hi 24° Lo 16°
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Laoag	Partly Cloudy	Hi 33° Lo 23°
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Tagaytay	Cloudy with Rains	Hi 29° Lo 22°
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Bacolod	Cloudy with Rains	Hi 30° Lo 24°
Roxas	Cloudy with Rains	Hi 29° Lo 24°
Cebu	Cloudy with Rains	Hi 30° Lo 24°
Tacloban	Cloudy with Rains	Hi 30° Lo 25°
Gen. Santos	Cloudy with Rains	Hi 30° Lo 24°
Zamboanga	Cloudy with Rains	Hi 30° Lo 23°
Cagayan de Oro	Cloudy with Rains	Hi 30° Lo 24°
Davao	Cloudy with Rains	Hi 30° Lo 24°

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ROUNDUP

House boys rob elderly

GUIGUINTO, Bulacan—A 70-year-old woman, who is known for helping her sick neighbors, lost P50,000 cash and jewelry worth P100,000 to two house boys who pretended to be sick. After being allowed inside the house, suspects Raymond Alipusoy and Peter Nazareno grabbed Milagros Recto and hog-tied her. They took Recto's money and jewelry. The suspects were later arrested by town policemen at the North Harbor in Manila.

Carmela Reyes, PDI Central Luzon Desk

Bicolano OFWs affected

LEGAZPI CITY—At least 18,000 Bicolanos working in the Middle East will be affected by the anti-terrorism war in the region. Samuel Madrid, Overseas Workers Welfare Administration director for Bicol, said his agency had already "identified safe grounds for evacuation once the war escalates." The OFWs had been briefed on how to reach the safe areas, he said. Preparations for evacuation are being readied by the Task Force OFWs, which gives the OWWA daily updates on the situation. Madrid said repatriation would be resorted to only if evacuation would no longer be advisable.

Job Belen, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Less discount for elderly

LUCENA CITY—Councilor Buena Lequin has assailed local firms for not implementing Republic Act No. 7432, which grants benefits and special privileges to senior citizens. Lequin lamented that only half of the more than 20 drugstores here were giving the elderly 5-10 percent discount for medicines although the law provides for a 20-percent discount. Two branches of a leading drugstore chain in the country also entertain senior citizens for only six hours a day.

Delfin Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

8 Bicol docs face charges

NAGA CITY—National Bureau of Investigation Director Reynaldo Wycoco has asked the Camarines Sur prosecutor's office to file charges against eight doctors of the Bicol Medical Center in connection with the death of a girl from Calabanga town. The case of reckless imprudence resulting in homicide is now under investigation by the city prosecutor's office. In a report, Wycoco said Abigail Morales, 13, died of "ischemic bowel disease," which the doctors allegedly failed to diagnose when she was admitted on April 29, 2000.

Juan Escandor Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Tribal chief killed

DAVAO CITY—Suspected New People's Army rebels on Monday killed a tribal chieftain in Barangay Mangayon, Compostela town in Compostela Valley. Police said Datu Balong, of Km. 10, Sasa, Davao City, died from 13 bullet wounds in different parts of the body. The victim was inside the house of a Manolito Busano around 5:30 p.m. when the assailants barged in and shot him with .45 cal. pistols. Police said Datu Balong was trying to settle a land dispute between Busano and another resident, Teodoro Padernal. Datu Balong, leader of the Dibabawon-Ata tribe, was founder and president of the Association of Indigenous Peoples Organization in Mindanao.

Anthony Allada, PDI Mindanao Bureau

NPA camp overrun

TACLOBAN CITY—Army soldiers on Sunday overran a New People's Army camp in a hinterland village of Can-avid town, Eastern Samar. No one was reported hurt in the battle, Army Col. Eusebio Ramos, 801st Infantry Brigade commander, said in a report to Brig. Gen. Romeo Dominguez, 8th Infantry Division chief. He said the rebels fled to a forested area after soldiers of the 14th Infantry Battalion and 65th Military Intelligence Company attacked the camp in Barangay Buko. Recovered were several firearms and ammunitions, a stethoscope, assorted medicines and communist documents. *Vicente Labro and Cynthia Borgueta, PDI Visayas Bureau*

Bohol's No. 1 enemy

TAGBILARAN CITY—Finally, Bohol's public enemy No. 1 has a face. The intensified hunt for Saturnino Balatero, 35, yielded a photo of the fugitive. Copies of the photo and sketches will be distributed to police stations and posted in public places. Balatero is allegedly behind the murder of six persons in Valencia town alone. The latest victims were Rodulfo Handugan and his 9-year-old son Charlito, of Barangay Anonang, Valencia, who were killed on Sept. 24.

Chito Fuentes, PDI Visayas Bureau

Extort try probed

ILOILO CITY—The provincial board committee on justice and good government is looking into allegations of Bienvenido Mendoza, president and general manager of Marshall Security Agency, that an aide of Vice Gov. Roberto Armada tried to extort P50,000 from him in exchange for the speedy release of P660,000, which the provincial government owed the company. Mendoza claimed that Nilo Prieto had told him that P20,000 would go to Armada and the P30,000 would be divided among the staff members of Gov. Niel Tupas. Prieto denied the charges. He said he was conferring with his lawyers on the possible filing of libel charges against Mendoza for maligning him. Armada stood by Prieto as he dared Mendoza to file the charges. *Nestor Burgos Jr. and Raj Padilla, PDI Visayas Bureau*

OFWs unfazed by anti-terror war

By Tonette Orejas
PDI Central Luzon Desk

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—Dante Vana, 27, left Talavera, Nueva Ecija, at 4 a.m. Tuesday. By 6 a.m., Vana joined the queue of some 100 early comers at the Department of Foreign Affairs consular office at the Philippine Christmas Village here.

By past noon, passport seekers like him swelled to more than 500.

Riyadh, the capital of Saudi Arabia, is Vana's destination. His place of work is only two countries away from Afghanistan, where the United States-led military offensives against terrorism began on Sunday.

Despite these, Vana said he was determined to leave again for Riyadh.

"Life is tough in our country. At Riyadh, I want to raise money to start my own welding shop," he said.

While waiting for his turn, Vana was busy tinkering with his mobile phone.

Rodelo, his elder brother who also works in Riyadh, was sending him text messages.

"It's OK here," Rodelo's message went. And Vana said his brother's account of his daily life abroad was enough assurance for him to go on with his plan to renew his employment contract.

Corazon Cruz, DFA officer-in-charge, said this eagerness to work abroad even in the midst of an ongoing conflict seemed to be the general attitude among overseas Filipino workers from Central Luzon.

Next to Metro Manila and Southern Tagalog, Central Luzon has the third biggest population of overseas Filipino workers (OFWs).

Mamerto Mercado, officer-in-charge of the regional Overseas Workers Welfare Administration, said the number of OFWs in the region reached 28,672 at the end of 1999.

The trend is still to leave and work overseas, Cruz and Mercado told the INQUIRER in separate interviews.

After the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in the US, Cruz said her office noticed only a five-percent decline in the number of applicants for passports.

Of the daily 500 applicants, more than 60 percent are OFWs who are mostly bound for the Middle East. The rest are tourists and immigrants.

"The very insignificant drop lasted only for two weeks. After that, it's back to the regular 500 figure," Cruz noted. "I think the fear or hesitance (over the effects of terrorism) existed only for the time being."

Since September, Mercado said no OFWs from Central Luzon had sought the help of OWWA for their return.

About 600 OFWs are in Pakistan. At least 1.526 million OFWs are in the Middle East, and 18 percent of them hail from Central Luzon's six provinces, he said.

"I think it's mainly because of employment that they wanted to remain there," Mercado said.

He and Cruz said the OFWs were staying put because they believed in the government's assurance of support.

Mercado said contingency plans were in place for Filipino workers near the areas of conflict. Philippine embassies in countries next to Pakistan are ready to provide safe refuge.

Should there be returning OFWs for war-related reasons, livelihood and welfare support are in place, Mercado added.

He agreed, however, that this would put a lot of strain on government resources, which, he said, was all right since the OFWs contribute largely through dollar remittances.

In passport collections alone, Cruz said the DFA in Central Luzon makes P5 million monthly, the highest amount collected among the 10 consular offices throughout the country.

Several Saudi-bound OFWs said they were ready to brave whatever risks there might be. Their gauge is the government's non-issuance of a travel or work ban.

"There is no advisory so I think it's okay to leave for work abroad," Vana said.

But keeping away from harm seems not to be an option, said a woman who was due to leave next month for Saudi Arabia as a domestic helper.

"There are very few jobs here. How can I feed my family if I worry about the war?" she asked in Filipino.

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The Justice, Not War coalition, a militant group, displays placards asking the United States to stop its war against Afghanistan during a rally on Tuesday at the Osmeña Park in Davao City.

Golez: RP support 'right, moral'

By Tonette Orejas
PDI Central Luzon Desk

FORT MAGSAYSAY, Nueva Ecija—The decision of the government to support the United States-led global war against terrorism was "right" and "moral," according to National Security Adviser Roilo Golez.

Golez declared this after the evidence released by the US and British governments established the involvement of Osama bin Laden in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in the US.

"*Kitang kita ang ebidensya* (The evidence are clear). It proved we are indeed on the right side not only in this incident but on the right side of history," Golez, addressing troops belonging to the Army's 7th Infantry Division here, said last Saturday.

He came to this camp to confer awards on 27 Army officials who led several battalions that quelled the violent protests that supporters of deposed President Joseph Estrada mounted on May 1 in Malacañang.

Strengthening support for the administration's anti-terrorism drive, Golez urged Army soldiers to proceed with their information drive to counter the "disinformation campaign" of leftists and extremist groups.

He explained the issue "is not only nationally important but also internationally important."

"And we cannot remain neutral. We have to take the side of what is right and what is moral. And with whom shall we side with now? Extremist Muslim and leftists groups are sowing fear by warning of retaliation, by urging neutrality," he said.

He said the Philippine government would not ally with countries that sponsor terrorism and are feared and notorious for their kind of governance. He did not name these countries.

Golez said Muslim countries like Pakistan, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates were "on the side of the truth."

He also emphasized that the government's decision to support the US-led war was in accordance with "what is right as determined not only by the leadership but also by the United Nations Security Council."

The council issued Resolution 1368 that called on UN members to join efforts to bring justice to the perpetrators of the Sept. 11 attacks.

Resolution 1373 directed all member states to work together to freeze the funds of terrorist organizations, one of which was identified as the Abu Sayyaf because it held local and foreign hostages.

Women leaders hold peace rally in Iligan

ILIGAN CITY—Christian and Muslim women leaders yesterday held a peace rally here to denounce terrorism in all forms and its effects on innocent lives.

The rally kicked off at the Mindanao State University-Iligan Institute of Technology (MSU-IIT) gymnasium. It was organized by the Millennium Women for Peace and Development Foundation (MWPDF).

The rally is the first of a series of peace gatherings to be held in other parts of Mindanao and at the World Trade Center in Manila. It was initiated by the MWPDF, a two-year-old non-government organization.

The foundation has vowed to promote peace in the region and tolerance and understanding of cultures and religions in the light of ongoing attacks by the US-led coalition in Afghanistan, as well as the sporadic armed conflicts in Mindanao and its effects on the local economy.

Lourdes "Bing" Pimentel, MWPDF chair, said her organization was seeking a solution to the threat of terrorism and global war through the power of prayer.

War affects everyone whether he is Christian or Muslim, said Bai Norhata Alonto, MWPDF officer. "I hope that (in these conflicts) innocent people will be spared," she added.

Students, NGO workers and other peace groups joined the rally, which opened with prayers for peace by Muslim clerics and Christian religious leaders. *PDI Mindanao Bureau*

Baguio Scouts ask world body to offer peace

By Vincent Cabreza and Jovelyn Reyes
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

BAGUIO CITY—Members of this year's Scout Officials for a Day (Sofad), who took the reins of the city government on Monday, are asking the World Scouts Organization to "lead in the peace settlement" of the United States war against Afghanistan.

Scout City Councilor Ritcher Quitevis, a senior of the Saint Louis University Boys High School, sponsored a resolution during the mock council session, asking the international scouting community to intervene "in the interest of preserving world peace and security."

The resolution will first need the endorsement of President Macapagal-Arroyo, the highest official of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines.

Quitevis, 16, said the conflict "may well engulf the whole civilized world in a war that will cut across international boundaries . . . (and which) may terminate the existence of the entire civilized world."

He said he feared the war's repercussions because of its cross-border impact "in the choice and use of weaponry (that) will now include biological and other means of mass destruction."

"I believe in diplomacy and war is not the last resort. America is a First World country and should not (entertain) such barbaric acts (as open war). I am a Christian, and I believe we should all learn to live together," Quitevis told the INQUIRER on Tuesday.

Quitevis offered the resolution to the scout city council hours after hearing television reports about the Afghanistan bombings on Sunday (Monday dawn in the Philippines).

Children's insights

The resolution will be transmitted initially to BSP Secretary General Carlos Escudero before it reaches Ms Macapagal and Vice President and Foreign Secretary Teofisto Guingona.

Virgilio Hidalgo, BSP Baguio chair, said the local scout leaders were taking the Baguio Sofad resolution seriously "because these are insights coming from the children of the world."

He said the BSP Baguio chapter would immediately seek the counsel of the BSP national council to get permission to reach the BSP Asia-Pacific chapter regarding Quitevis' resolution.

The resolution will then be submitted to the WSO main office in London.

Hidalgo, a police officer here, said both Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of the Sofad program unanimously approved Quitevis' resolution because of a fear that the war could escalate.

"It is the Boy Scouts of the world who have a clear access now, in terms of reaching out to the other side. There is a Boy Scouts of Afghanistan chapter and the international scouting community could tap that to offer peace," Hidalgo said.

Muslim Igorots share hate attacks

By Vincent Cabreza
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

BAGUIO CITY—The belief in Allah is slowly displacing the spectacle of the *cañao*, the Igorot ritual that gives tribute to *Kabunian* (Supreme Being), for a growing number of Muslim Igorots in the Cordillera today.

But the apparent price for their faith is to share the brunt of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in the United States that had spiraled into racial and religious tensions here and abroad, an Islamic scholar told the INQUIRER.

Bedejim Abdullah said Muslim Igorots have been "suffering hate messages or verbal abuse" from neighbors and, at some instances, even their own fellow tribesmen who have been fed hate rhetoric that blames Muslims or Arabs for the attacks.

As early as last year, Kalingas, Kankanaeys and Tingguians shook their communities with news about their conversion to Islam at the height of a military campaign launched by ousted President Joseph Estrada in Central Mindanao.

Converts like Fernando Realubin Jr., 40, of Tinglayan, Kalinga, recalled tolerating minor ridicule from his neighbors when they learned he had turned Muslim last year.

But a Muslim Kankanaey woman, whose husband is based in Cavite, sought Bedejim's counsel after Sept. 11 to complain about the verbal threats she received from her own neighborhood.

"I advised her to practice the *dua* (supplication before Allah) on their behalf, because there is little else Muslims can do now to convince people who misunderstand the faith," Bedejim said.

Bedejim is the spokesperson for the Islamic Center network covering key cities in the country.

Bedejim has been measuring a steady, if gradual, growth trend in Islamic conversions in the Cordillera as well as in other Luzon provinces, where indigenous Filipinos are concentrated.

"I don't see this trend changing even after the New York attacks. In the US, Islam is the second strongest religion, and many new converts, usually from the African-American communities, continue to grow in number," he said.

"In fact, I was with the (Saudi Arabian) Ministry of Islamic Affairs in 1995, where more than 5,000 American soldiers and US nationals working in the Middle East converted to Islam," he claimed.

An "ethnic factor" may explain the Islamic renaissance in poverty-areas of the Philippines, noted Hussein bin-Said, a visiting African scholar who was interviewed by the INQUIRER last year.

Hussein said the dominance of African-Americans who preach Islam in the US began during the US civil rights movements of the 1960s and 1970s.

Ethnic minority groups there began to rediscover their roots in Islam-influenced African states, he said. He suggested similarities in the Islamic renaissance of the Cordillera.

Filipinos had been introduced to Islam as early as the 13th century, while Spain only managed a foothold in the 16th century, Bedejim said.

"Many indigenous Filipinos can trace more of their history, their culture and their philosophy to Islam because these are cultures that have not yet been (completely) tainted by the dominant Western influences in the Philippines, even today," he said in Filipino.

Bedejim cited the recent discovery of Mangyan communities that now practice Islam at their own initiative because their efforts to trace their roots had led them to that faith.

He said small Muslim households had started to sprout in Kalinga, Abra, Mt. Province and Baguio.

But Islamic scholars here admitted that converting indigenous Filipinos to Islam involved certain cultural risks because scholars are cautious about a "Filipinizing of the Muslim faith."

One practice, which Igorot converts have given up to the chagrin of fellow tribesmen, is the *cañao*.

"In Islam, there are no cultures. That is our difference from the Spanish Catholics. They assimilated the native culture in order to assimilate the natives," Bedejim said. In the Islamic faith, he said "we believe that everyone was born Muslim, and people who convert later on merely return to Islam. *Nagbalik*-Islam (reborn Muslims), so their culture has no bearing on their faith, because Islam is a way of life too."

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US advisers arriving

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the US officials told the NYT.

On Monday, US Ambassador to the United Nations John D. Negroponte told the Security Council that the United States might take "further actions with respect to other organizations and other states."

Although Negroponte, who served as ambassador to the Philippines in the 1990s, did not identify any groups or states, US officials have repeatedly said that Bin Laden has adherents and allies all over the world, and that the war against them will range far beyond Afghanistan.

Hundreds of Abu Sayyaf members, who have resorted to kidnapping, bombing and other terroristic acts, have been fighting Army soldiers, policemen and militiamen on the outskirts of Lantawan town and Isabela City in Basilan since Sunday.

At least 21 bandits have died and an equal number have been wounded, according to military reports. Seventeen soldiers have also been wounded.

The Abu Sayyaf has been holding in captivity an American missionary couple, Martin and Gracia Burnham, and 16 Filipinos for the past five months.

According to the NYT report, the US officials did not give a timetable for covert and overt actions against the Abu Sayyaf and other Islamic groups linked to Bin Laden, the primary suspect in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, and his al-Qaida network.

The campaign against the groups is global and may last for years, the officials reportedly said.

But they said the groups "have expanded their operations in recent years, exchanging money, personnel, materiel and experience with the Bin Laden organization and its allies, and that they pose a clear and present danger to American institutions overseas."

They "have thrived in the political and economic instability in the Philippines, a predominantly Roman Catholic country, and in Indonesia, which is predominantly Muslim," the NYT said.

It noted that street protests against the US air strikes on Afghanistan took place outside the American embassies in both countries.

"In recent years, the fundamentalist groups have gained adherents in the name of a holy war against American institutions and influence," the report said, quoting the US officials.

East Asia, particularly the Philippines, is "an area where terrorists who have struck the United States before are known to have planned their attacks," it added.

US advisers

Golez stressed that the US military advisers were not being assigned to find and destroy the Abu Sayyaf. "Any effort that would target these terrorist groups, particularly the Abu Sayyaf, would involve exclusively Filipino troops," he said.

"But the Americans shall help by way of extending to us additional special equipment, additional training and probably a sharing of intelligence information."

Golez added: "We expect a relatively sizeable delegation" to include "basically Army officials, maybe numbering more than two dozens."

He said the team would be involved in a "comprehensive evaluation of the situation with respect to the Abu Sayyaf. And then we can plan together as well as make an evaluation on what kind of equipment would be needed."

He said the US military had already trained a "light reaction company" of Philippine troops that was later deployed in Basilan.

Elite troops

The Armed Forces has deployed a company of the elite Counter-Terrorist Force (CTF) to augment troops pursuing Abu Sayyaf bandits at the boundary of Lantawan town and Isabela City in Basilan.

The CTF enters the theater of military operations as the ghost of the military debacle in Lamitan town in June continues to haunt the military establishment.

"The lessons of Lamitan are clear in the minds of our commanders in Basilan," said AFP spokesperson Brig. Gen. Edilberto Adan.

On June 1, Abu Sayyaf members slipped through a cordon laid by Army soldiers around a hospital and a church at the Lamitan town proper. This brought about allegations that top military officers were conniving with the bandit group.

Soldiers of the Army's 1st Scout Ranger Battalion and the 10th Infantry Battalion clashed with the Abu Sayyaf's main force on Sunday, killing at least 21 bandits.

But inclement weather and the difficult terrain, military officials said, have allowed the bandits to break contact and divide into small groups, resulting in a lull in the fighting.

Adan said the military "achieved a victory" on Sunday, noting that it was considered a success "if you are able to hit a big group and break it apart."

The CTF troops were flown in from Zamboanga City, headquarters of the military's Southern Command. They will join members of the 1st Scout Ranger Battalion, the 10th IB and the 11th IB in pursuit operations.

'Major engagement'

Government troops are pressing on, and with the stream of intelligence reports being received, another "major engagement" is expected soon, according to Adan.

Adan, however, pointed out that the area of operations was 10 sq km, big enough for the bandits to disappear and mix with the civilian population.

In Isabela, Southcom chief Lt. Gen. Roy Cimatu said some 7,000 soldiers were now closing in on the main Abu Sayyaf group in Lantawan.

"They are now maneuvering the terrain. They have been positioned and we will not allow them to escape this time," he said.

Cimatu also said government troops were tracking down the group led by Khadaffy Janjalani and Isnilon Hapilon.

Col. Roland Detabali, Southcom chief for operations, said soldiers were also scouring Barangay Bulanza in Lantawan, a known stronghold of Hapilon.

"*Tuloy-tuloy na ito, di namin sila pakakawalan* (This will go on, we will not let them go)," Detabali said.

Brig. Gen. Nelson Eslao, chief of the 3rd Air Division, said two OV-10 planes, three MG-520 attack helicopters and a Huey helicopter were on standby at the Edwin Andrews Air Base in Zamboanga City, which can be used to support the ground troops.

Lamitan episode

One of the lessons of the Lamitan debacle, according to an Army fact-finding report, was the immediate employment of all available resources in a major engagement in order to crush the Abu Sayyaf.

The military has yet to redeem itself from this episode. "Our credibility has never been so low," a ranking military official, who asked not to be named, said.

"During Edsa II and III, we were high up there but it all came crashing down with Lamitan," the officer said.

"No military operation is perfect," Adan said. "There will be flaws and weaknesses but what counts is the overall result."

Cimatu said the lull "might explode anytime" as the gunmen's movements have not escaped military intelligence.

"The lull is very dangerous," he said. "The lull can be misleading but they (rebels) are being watched."

Cimatu refused to give more details on the new location of the bandit group, which he only described as "advantageous to government troops."

"There might be contact anytime soon as the weather improves," the Southcom chief said.

Military authorities have discovered that most of the Abu Sayyaf's guns are US-made.

Brig. Gen. Glicerio Sua, chief of the Army's 1st Tabak Division, said one of the firearms recovered from the bandit group was the "latest model" of a US-made M60-E3 machine gun.

"It can be used by one person. The old model requires support from another person," Sua said.

Cimatu said such model was very difficult to transport from foreign countries to the Philippines. "Maybe this was smuggled in through the backdoor."

"The AFP does not have this type of model," he said.

Poison alert

Basilan officials went on alert following reports the Abu Sayyaf group was planning to poison the water supply of Isabela to divert attention from the military operation, according to the Agence France Presse.

Provincial spokesperson Alton Angeles said police had been dispatched to the city reservoir. "We have reports that the Abu Sayyaf is planning to poison the water reservoir in Basilan," he said.

Gov. Wahab Akbar has also sent water samples to Zamboanga City for testing, but the results were not yet available. ***With reports from Carlito Pablo; Julie Alipala-Inot, PDI Mindanao Bureau; and AFP***

Anti-war groups hold protests at US Embassy

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as the "local mouthpiece" of the Americans.

"No to war!" shouted members of the Kilusang Mayo Uno, Gabriela, Anakbayan and the Kalipunan ng Damayang Mahihirap at the rally as they burned a large American flag that had drawings of missiles instead of stars.

Also torched was a miniature missile with a representation of the head of Ms Macapagal on the tip, symbolizing her administration's all-out support for the United States.

Ms Macapagal told critics of the US-led military strikes against Afghanistan that "this battle is not against Islam."

"The battle is against terrorism, whatever the religion of the terrorists is," the President said in a keynote address at the first Philippine Local Governance Congress in the Manila Midtown Hotel.

Before noon, about 500 members of the 21-member Peace Camp coalition, led by Sanlakas and its affiliates, marched from the Ellinwood Church in Malate to the embassy to call for a stop to the bombings in Afghanistan.

Among those who joined the march were Fr. Robert Reyes, Nini Quezon-Avanceña, University of the Philippines president Dodong Nemenzo and Representatives Renato Magtubo and Etta Rosales.

White doves

The Peace Camp activists raised a Philippine flag with the peace sign superimposed on the sun. They also released white doves symbolizing peace.

The protesters denounced the US-led attacks as anti-poor.

KMU secretary-general Elmer Labog said the air attacks on Afghanistan were "vicious acts" against 26 million poor people composed mainly of contractual laborers and farmers.

He said the United States "deserves worldwide condemnation for its bigoted actions and for flaunting extreme arrogance."

"The military attacks are committed not just against Muslims and colored people but against the entire poor and working people all over the world," he said. "Historically, in the event of armed conflicts, the poor people are the first to suffer and perish helplessly."

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Kadamay chair Lola Mameng Deunida said Ms Macapagal's defense of the US-led strikes showed that she "has clearly unraveled herself as chief puppet of US imperialism in Southeast Asia."

"Instead of acting as the country's chief patrol of war and violence, Ms Macapagal should act as the lead promoter of justice," she said.

In the House of Representatives, Bayan Muna Representatives Satur Ocampo, Crispin Beltran and Liza Maza filed House Resolution 240, asking the Macapagal administration to stop its policy of all-out support for the US war effort.

"Government needs to rethink its all-out support policy because we must not be party to a war that is leading to more destruction than what it seeks to contain," Ocampo said.

Presidential spokesperson Rigoberto Tiglao said Ms Macapagal was aware of criticisms to her staunch support for the US-led attacks on Afghanistan.

"But she still believes we have the right policy (of all-out support for the US)," Tiglao said.

Organizers of the rally condemned the terror attacks in New York and Washington but maintained that "bloody terrorist attacks against an invisible enemy is not the right way to combat terrorism."

Peace Camp called for the non-opening of any part of Philippine territory for US war operations.

The group said the military attacks would only result in faltering stock markets, dislocation of hundreds of overseas Filipino workers in the Middle East and new oil price increases.

"War begets not only more violence against innocent civilians but poverty to billions of poor people," Peace Camp said in a statement.

Collateral damage

Vice President and Foreign Secretary Teofisto Guingona Jr. did not raise alarm over the reported deaths of civilians in the bombing of Afghanistan.

"Of course as human beings we're concerned. (But) that's what you call collateral damage," Guingona told a news briefing

As "final solution to the problem of terrorism in the country," Peace Camp proposed the setting up of mechanisms for the Moro people so that they could exercise their political right to self-determination.

The group also rejected the proposal to adopt a national ID system, which it said would be used by the government to monitor and harass citizens in the name of anti-terrorism.

At the Manila Midtown Hotel, the President enjoined the various local government units to help in the fight against terrorism.

"After the military action . . . in Afghanistan, I reiterated our commitment. And so because we are now in this battle, we must strengthen our internal forces against terrorism," she said at the gathering of governors, mayors and barangay officials.

Alonto said a violent jihad could be launched only against enemies of the Islamic faith and against conquerors of Muslim lands.

But some of the Muslim demonstrators put on red-and-white-checkered scarves called kefiyeh, which is only worn when a jihad is taking place.

"We understand the feelings of our brother Muslims but we also ask for their understanding for the more than 80 percent of Filipinos, including their fellow Muslims, who have a different view," Golez said on radio.

In San Fernando City, leaders of Muslim communities in Central Luzon said there were no calls for jihad against the United States in the region.

There are some 50,000 Muslims in Central Luzon.

Salong Sunggod, chair of the Federation of Muslim Associations in Northern and Central Luzon, said no one in the region would heed calls for a jihad.

He said they would rather practice peaceful forms of jihad like raising their families or restraining themselves from committing crimes.

"We strongly condemn terrorism. Islam is against terrorism. We won't contribute to violence by joining the war," Sunggod said in an interview before the meeting of the federation's Pampanga chapter here.

Hadji Ali Mandia, president of San Fernando City's United Muslim Group, said his fellow Muslims would "continue to be peacemakers amid the conflict."

"We left Lanao del Sur so we can raise our children in a non-violent environment. We did not want them to live in a war situation," Mandia said. ***With reports from Juliet Javellana, Rocky Nazareno and Dona Pazzibugan in Manila; Tonette Orejas and Carmela Reyes, PDI Central Luzon Desk; and Villamor Visaya Jr., PDI Northern Luzon Bureau***

AFP laughs off 'jihad' . . .

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jihad made by Osama bin Laden, prime suspect in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in the United States, would find root in the country.

"So far there is no religious leader (here) who has called for jihad, and this is a good sign because most Muslim Filipinos do not support terrorism," Adan said.

But Muslim leaders in the country are fearful of a potential violent outburst from the Muslim population in Mindanao, according to Abet Iribani, former spokesperson of the Moro National Liberation Front and now assistant secretary at the Department of Interior and Local Government.

Speaking at yesterday's Fernandina Forum in Greenhills, Iribani said Muslim leaders, including the Ulama in Mindanao, were planning a dialogue in Zamboanga City next week to address the growing restlessness among Islamic communities.

He said they would explain to their constituents that the US-led air strikes on Afghanistan were "not an attack on Muslims but on terrorism."

Iribani said they would also make sure that the Abu Sayyaf, which was reported to have ties with Bin Laden, would "not be used" by the Saudi dissident.

"If we don't, we will be hurt, too, so everyone has to do something. We have to protect our own interest," he said.

Big impact

Iribani said the presence of the Ulama at the dialogue tentatively scheduled on Oct. 18 should appease the Muslim Filipinos protesting the air strikes on Afghanistan.

"The protests have a big impact on society," he said. "If we let this outburst of Muslims go on, it would be our fault. As Muslims in government, we should bring to them the real issue: that this is . . . not our fight."

Iribani said youth leaders in Mindanao had also been invited to the planned dialogue.

"We have to impress not only on the Muslim population but also on the government that we have problems here—the Abu Sayyaf, poverty. We have to solve these domestically," he said, adding:

"We have to make the Muslims feel that they are not neglected, so that they will not sympathize with people like Bin Laden.

Adan said the government would tolerate "expressions of sentiments" of Islamic solidarity as the US government and its allies pounded Afghanistan.

He said Muslim Filipinos could express sympathy with their fellow Muslims in Afghanistan as this did not mean that they were supporters of terrorism.

"They're free to do that," he said. "But if they are armed, they will be arrested."

Adan said declarations of jihad would go the way of the unsuccessful call made last year by Salamat Hashim, chair of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front.

Salamat called for a jihad when all MILF camps, including its nerve center Camp Abubakar, fell as a result of then President Joseph Estrada's all-out war policy against the separatist group.

The MILF recently signed a ceasefire agreement with the Macapagal administration although armed skirmishes continue between the two sides.

Tight security

The National Power Corp. has tightened security in its seven major power plants and about 25 substations in Mindanao to guard against terrorist attacks.

Napocor spokesperson Rafael Magbanua said the need to safeguard the firm's vital facilities was heightened by a series of explosions that hit Zamboanga City and Maguindanao province on Monday.

Magbanua said troops from the 30th Infantry Battalion had been deployed to the Agus complex in Lanao, which is guarded by more than 100 Napocor security personnel.

In Northern Mindanao alone, about two dozen soldiers were deployed to augment the security forces in at least four power substations.

Magbanua said Napocor had also drafted a contingency plan for a worst-case scenario, such as acts of sabotage that would threaten the power supply in Mindanao.

The Cagayan de Oro Power and Light Co. (Cepalco) also said it had instituted tighter security measures.

Col. Greg Catapang, security chief of the Army's 4th Infantry Division, urged residents to always carry identification cards or documents.

Heavy security has been put in place in Cagayan de Oro itself, on orders of Mayor Vicente Emano.

Soldiers and policemen are now very visible in busy areas of the city, including schools, churches, shopping malls and market places. ***With a report from Grace Cantal-Albasin, PDI Mindanao Bureau***

RP stocks hit 10-year low

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still comparatively expensive with a price earning ratio of 14 times compared with 10 to 11 times for other regional bourses.

The most heavily sold stock was Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co., which fell by another P35 to close at P342.50 on news that the company would sell up to 20 percent of its stake in mobile phone firm Smart Communications Inc.

The announcement came at a time that PLDT was unable to push through with a bond float, creating an impression that the local telecom giant was direly in need of cash to pay $1.3 billion in debt maturing over three years to 2004.

The most battered was the financial sector whose index shed 7.34 percent. The sector was weighed down by industry leaders Metropolitan Bank and Trust Co. and Bank of the Philippine Islands (BPI). Metrobank shares fell by P18 to P171 and BPI shares by P3 to P42.

The property sector dropped by 3 percent, following the losses incurred by SM Prime Holdings Inc., and Ayala Land Inc.

The commercial-industrial and mining sectors fell by 2.65 percent and 2.13 percent, respectively.

Investors do not plan an imminent return to the local market, especially with prospects of further earnings downgrades in corporate earnings.

"The concern is in relative terms . . . considering that there might still be further downgrades in earnings, valuations might still appear steep. The drop in the composite has been huge but prices have not really become cheap," said Beds Solomon, research head at Abacus Securities Inc.

Irving Ackerman, president of I. Ackerman & Co., said he had not seen such gloom in the market for a very long time.

"People are selling to get some cash, but there is a buyer for everything. These are the contrarians, who are willing to come in when others don't want to," Ackerman said.

He said the main-share index would likely fall a little more, but he noted that the market might be nearing its bottom.

"Sooner or later, we'll come to a point when investors will not give away shares anymore," Ackerman said.

Traders said the index could sink deeper to hit new record lows around the 800 to 900 mark, and may then start to rebound.

Cautious

KGI Securities trader Nina Carpio said investors were very cautious, anxious on what would happen next.

"It doesn't seem to be getting better and the Afghanistan conflict is not likely to be resolved very soon. The peso is depreciating. So the outlook is not promising in the near future, even if blue chips are ripe for the picking," Carpio said.

Also aggravating the market's weak sentiment yesterday was Singapore's announcement that its gross domestic product shrunk by 5.6 percent in the third quarter.

Vistan explained that the Philippines, which is dependent on the US economy, was expected to report a slower gross domestic product growth in the third quarter.

The country this week trimmed its economic growth target for next year by 0.3 percentage point to 4-4.5 percent while also ditching the higher end of its 2001 growth target—adopting a modest 3.3 percent.

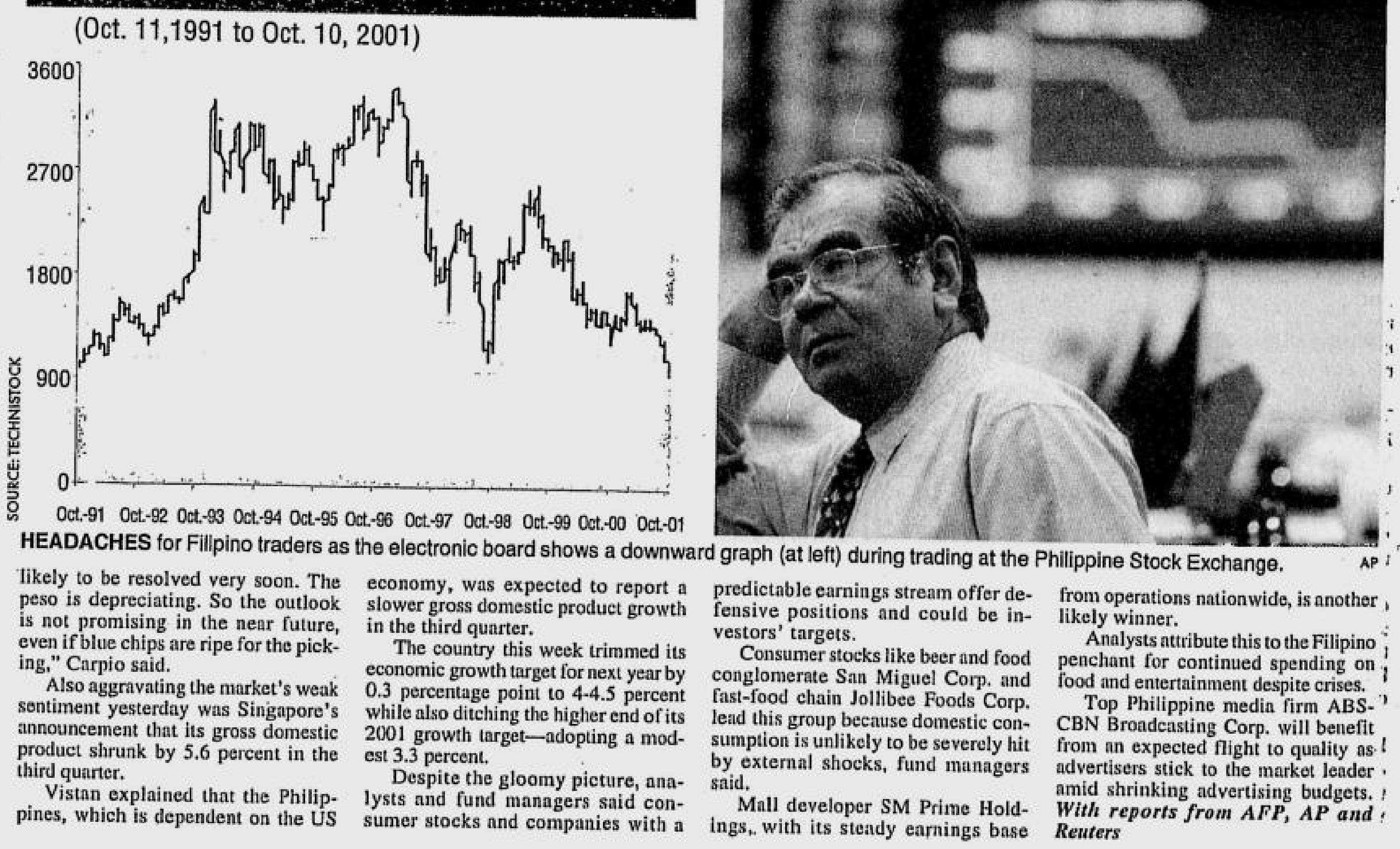
Despite the gloomy picture, analysts and fund managers said consumer stocks and companies with a predictable earnings stream offer defensive positions and could be investors' targets.

Consumer stocks like beer and food conglomerate San Miguel Corp. and fast-food chain Jollibee Foods Corp. lead this group because domestic consumption is unlikely to be severely hit by external shocks, fund managers said.

Mall developer SM Prime Holdings, with its steady earnings base from operations nationwide, is another likely winner.

Analysts attribute this to the Filipino penchant for continued spending on food and entertainment despite crises.

Top Philippine media firm ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp. will benefit from an expected flight to quality as advertisers stick to the market leader amid shrinking advertising budgets. ***With reports from AFP, AP and Reuters***



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AP

CONGRESSIONAL spouses pose with President Macapagal-Arroyo in Malacañang.

Gloria lauds congressional spouses

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo has commended the Congressional Spouses Foundation Inc. (CSFI), headed by Gina de Venecia for "hitting the ground running" in its mission to alleviate the plight of disadvantaged women and children in the country.

De Venecia, wife of Speaker Jose de Venecia, led the officers of the foundation in a courtesy call on the President at Malacañang. They were accompanied by Social Welfare Secretary Dinky Soliman and the Speaker.

The flagship of the CSFI's projects is the expansion of its National Center for Women (The Haven) in Alabang, Muntinlupa City, and the building of a corresponding National Center for Street Children. Both projects are being undertaken in partnership with the Department of Social Welfare and Development.

"The needs of abused women and children are alarming. We cannot wait a minute longer to respond," said Mrs. De Venecia. The new CSFI Board of Trustees was elected barely a month ago.

According to Mrs. De Venecia, the new board will concentrate on Phase 2 of The Haven, which will include facilities that will train rehabilitated women for gainful employment. The Haven, the centerpiece of the CSFI under De Venecia's leadership, will also offer facilities for job placement.

In 1995, Mrs. De Venecia's second term as CSFI head, satellite centers were built in all the country's 13 regions, the main center being in Metro Manila. The new CSFI board informed the President, herself a former social welfare secretary, that it plans to complete Phase 2 of The Haven. It aims to complete the National Center for Street Children also in a year.

"It will serve street children between the ages of 6 and 19, and will also have facilities to counsel their negligent parents," said Mrs. De Venecia.

She added that the CSFI will build regional centers for street children before her term ends in 2004.

The officers of the Congressional Spouses Foundation Inc. are Mrs. Gina de Venecia—president chairperson; Mrs. Nikki Teodoro—vice chair for Luzon; and Mrs. Pacita Gonzalez—vice chair for Visayas. The Board of Trustees are: Mrs. Vicky Ablan, Mrs. Ruth Padilla, Mrs. Cherry Umali, Mrs. Georgia Remulla, Mrs Marissa Andaya, Mrs Chit Monfort, Mrs Babie Cajes, Mrs. Ciony Espina, Mrs. Nona Lobregat, Mrs. Chit Baculio, Mrs. Bebet Nograles, Mrs. Jingle Badelles, Mrs. Badette Barbers, Com. Sal Dumarpa, Mrs. Naida Angping, Mrs. Louie Locsin, and Mrs. Grace Chungalao.

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RP-Singapore air accord hit

By Abigail L. Ho

BARELY two months after the signing of an amended air rights agreement with Singapore, a non-government organization had asked a number of senators to conduct an inquiry on the alleged "disadvantageous" provisions of the agreement.

Save Our Skies Movement (SOS) has called the attention of Senators Ralph Recto, Noli de Castro and Ramon Magsaysay Jr. to the allegedly "unfair" agreement that Transportation Secretary Pantaleon Alvarez signed with Singapore Communications and Information Technology Minister Yeo Cheow Tong on Aug. 25.

The group accused Alvarez of "getting something" out of the deal from the Singapore government.

2 annexes

"It could be money or in kind, or something for the future, in the years to come, like (a certain amount) per passenger," SOS president Robert Lim Joseph told the INQUIRER in an interview yesterday.

In the "confidential memorandum of understanding on air transport between the Republic of the Philippines and the Republic of Singapore," two annexes were added stating the entitlements tb both countries of intermediate points where their flag carriers could fly passengers and cargo.

For Singapore flag carriers, intermediate points from Singapore to its destinations in the Philippines (Manila, Cebu and Davao) are Osaka in Japan, Seoul in Korea and Bandar Seri Begawan in Brunei.

Joseph said the Korea and Japan routes were "very lucrative" as most tourists that come to the Philippines come from these two countries.

As for the Philippine flag carriers, the intermediate points from Manila, Cebu or Davao to Singapore are Kuala Lumpur, Bangkok, Jakarta and Bandar Seri Begawan.

According to Angel Bognot, first vice president of the Network of Independent Travel Agencies (NITAS), Malaysia, Thailand and Indonesia are our toughest competitors in the region for tourists.

"Filipinos go to Malaysia and Indonesia to work, while they love to go to Thailand for shopping. Filipino tourists go to these countries but none of their citizens come to the Philippines," she said.

Because of this, Bognot said the Philippines-Singapore amended air rights agreement was "detrimental to the country" and would not help the Philippines in terms of tourist inflow.

Joseph then suggested that an air rights agreement with Japan and Korea be signed instead because these were the lucrative markets, but he did admit that the Philippines was stuck in its agreement with Singapore as Alvarez already signed it.

He accused Alvarez of "siding with the foreigners instead of with the local carriers" when he "hastily" signed the air agreement with the city-state.

Even the Civil Aeronautics Board (CAB) seemed to have had apprehensions about the Singapore agreement. In a letter to Alvarez dated Aug. 14, CAB executive director Manuel San Jose said: "The RP Air Panel plans to hold air talks with Singapore during the RP Panel Inter-agency meeting on July 4. The Panel believes there is no urgent need to hold air talks with Singapore in the near future while there are serious concerns against it."

Actual passengers

San Jose stated that there was a 328-percent excess in seat capacity as compared with the actual passengers that Singapore brings into the country. Before the amendment, the agreement allowed Singapore to fly 680,000 passengers a year from Singapore to the Philippines and vice versa. Only 158,784 passengers are actually brought into the country.

Singapore tourist arrivals in the Philippines also declined 7 percent last year. This saw a further drop of 22 percent for the first half of the year.

The letter further stated: "So while there will be no real benefit to RP in terms of tourism or market developments, there will be a serious negative effect on the development of our own competitive airline industry."

LGUs to get automatic tax share

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday said the national government would remit a P121 billion Internal Revenue Allocation for local government units this year, P15 billion higher than last year's allocation of P106 billion.

The President also promised during the first Philippine local governance congress at the Manila Midtown Hotel that the IRA would be automatically appropriated beginning next year so that local officials need not beg Malacañang for their rightful share in the national income every year.

Laurente, 59

RODOLFO R. Laurente, fondly called "Dolphy" or "Pidolp" by his fellow political detainees under martial law and other activists of the First Quarter Storm, and "Ompong" by his many other friends, died on Oct. 9.

His remains now lie in his residence at 7031 Jasmine Street, Guadalupe Viejo, Makati City. Interment will be announced later. He is survived by wife Alice and daughters Ana Lisa and Anabelle. They may also be contacted by phone, 728-6546.

Romero, 54

MARCIAL R. Romero of Punta, Sta. Ana, Manila, died yesterday of pneumonia. He was 54.

He is survived by his wife, Gloria, and sons Jeffrey and Marvin.

His remains lie in state at his residence in Punta, Sta. Ana. Interment will be on Sunday, Oct. 14, at the Mandaluyong Cemetery at 2 p.m.

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Teachers question new school curriculum

By Blanche S. Rivera

PUBLIC school teachers yesterday protested the new basic education curriculum crafted by the Department of Education (DepEd), saying it would displace teachers of non-core subjects.

The Alliance of Concerned Teachers (ACT) also accused the DepEd of creating the new curriculum "in a secretive and undemocratic manner, even as its repercussions would mold schoolchildren into the labor force needed by multinational corporations."

The new curriculum merges three subjects—Sining Kultura (arts and culture), Araling Panlipunan (social studies) and Araling Pagpapahalaga (values education)—into one.

Education Undersecretary Fe Hidalgo said, however, the DepEd curriculum committee had consulted with teachers on the new curriculum and was not yet done with its final version.

Hidalgo also said the DepEd would not dismiss any teachers but would implement instead a "team teaching" strategy for the new schedule.

"The aim is to decongest the curriculum and increase the learning time for core subjects so the students could focus on the more important ones," Hidalgo said.

She explained the new curriculum to around 10 ACT representatives who came to the DepEd Central Office in Pasig City yesterday to protest the merging of the subjects.

Hidalgo said the teachers of arts and culture and of social studies could take turns in handling the class, while values education would be incorporated into the subject.

"We will also need them (teachers) to develop instructional materials (during) the time they would not be teaching," Hidalgo said.

She said the students would then be able to concentrate on the core subjects like math, science, Filipino and English, in which their skills have deteriorated.

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Bush: Afghan skies are now free

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But rebels trying to topple the Taliban claimed they were being bolstered by the American-led air campaign.

The United States launched the bombing campaign to force the Taliban to hand over Bin Laden, chief suspect in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

According to military analysts, the next phase of the US-led campaign could include raids by small groups of Army Special Forces ferried in by low-flying helicopters to root out terrorist or Taliban leaders.

The forces likely would use Black Hawk helicopters, which can carry up to 14 commandos and their gear and have equipment allowing them to fly low and fast at night or in bad weather.

By Tuesday, air mission planners were moving on to what Rumsfeld called "emerging targets"—any target of value that popped into view, whether it be a Taliban troop convoy or an al-Qaida leader, including Bin Laden.

The strikes against the Taliban could make it easier for the outmatched rebel forces, which control 5 percent to 10 percent of northern Afghanistan, to attempt the removal of the ruling militia.

"We would like to see them succeed," Rumsfeld said of the anti-Taliban forces. "We would like to see them heave the al-Qaida and the Taliban leadership that has been so repressive out of that country."

One way the United States could help the opposition forces would be to allow the Green Berets to help them with training, equipment and tactics.

Another possibility would be to provide air cover for opposition attacks, although Pentagon officials said that was not likely to happen anytime soon.

Waiting

A rebel spokesperson said anti-Taliban forces were waiting for US bombing to make the Taliban more vulnerable.

"Sure, there is coordination on the ground already," said Haron Amin, a spokesperson of the Northern Alliance. "When the right time comes, that is when our ground forces will attack."

Waisaddin Salik, a spokesperson of the Northern Alliance, said US jets bombed Taliban positions in the district of Shakardara late Tuesday.

The district, 24 km north of Kabul, is along the battle line where the alliance has been facing off against Taliban troops. It was the first reported bombing of such a front-line position by US forces.

The Taliban militia, for its part, said it had repelled a rebel assault in northern Gur province. Himat said 35 opposition fighters were killed. The claims could not be independently verified.

As the US-led air assault against Afghanistan's rulers moved into a fourth day, Pakistani troops have been fending off Taliban fighters fleeing the bombing campaign along the rugged stretches of the Pakistani border.

Pakistani defense and intelligence officials said Wednesday that Pakistani soldiers had fought a two-hour gun battle a day earlier with about 30 Taliban soldiers who were trying to cross over. It was the second such incident in two days.

On Monday, Taliban pilots flew five helicopters across the border, where they were detained by Pakistani authorities, the officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The United States has coupled the air assaults with a humanitarian effort, dropping packets of food aid into Afghanistan from planes. The Taliban announced Wednesday that Afghans were destroying the packets rather than eating the food.

Abdul Hanan Himat, a spokesperson for the Taliban information ministry, said, "the Americans are killing us and attacking us, and we don't need this food."

3 bombs

In the air strikes early Wednesday, jets dropped three bombs near the Kandahar airport, which has been the target of multiple assaults since the raids began.

The area is home to key Taliban air defense systems, housing units that lodge at least 300 of Bin Laden's followers, and the compound housing the home and offices of the Taliban's supreme leader.

Kabul, which was hit on the first two nights of attacks, was quiet Wednesday. The previous night, a deafening new barrage of anti-aircraft opened up, but there were no strikes in the city.

However, residents of the village of Deh Sabz, 30 km north of Kabul, said the area was hit by a stray missile Tuesday night, damaging houses and injuring several people. The village was not close to any known military installations or training camps.

Villager Ehsan Ullah Khan said he and his family were in their home when they heard explosions that broke windows and collapsed the outer walls of their house.

He said he and his wife were both cut by flying glass and debris.

The United States has repeatedly said the bombing is not aimed at civilians in Afghanistan.

After nightfall Tuesday, American jets pounded areas around Kandahar and the airport outside the remote northwestern city of Herat, near the Iranian border. The raids followed unsuccessful cruise missile strikes in the area the night before, Afghan officials said.

Taliban officials have claimed that dozens have died in the US-led raids.

The only independently confirmed casualties, however, are four guards for a mine-clearing agency under contract to the United Nations. They were killed in Monday night's strikes, which apparently were targeting a nearby radio transmission tower and munitions dumps. *Reports from AP and AFP*

Bin Laden to world's Muslims: Fight US

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ing Taliban is harboring Bin laden.

Malaysia's Islamic opposition party also declared a jihad over the air attacks and gave the go-ahead for its members to join the fight.

However, the 800,000-strong Pan Malaysia Islamic Party said its definition of jihad covered a wide range that included calling for peace, prayers and financial aid.

"If there are any (party) members who would like to go for jihad, we cannot stop them because jihad is a religious duty," secretary general Nasaruddin Isa said. "They don't need to seek party approval if they wish to take up the fight in Afghanistan."

There was no explanation for why Abu Ghaith, rather than Bin Laden, appeared in the tape.

But according to Abdul Salam Zaeef, the Taliban envoy to Pakistan, Bin Laden is alive and safe and Afghanistan is still capable of defending itself despite US claims of air supremacy.

The envoy said that the Northern Alliance had failed to make advances against Taliban forces despite the bombing campaign, and that the opposition had no support among Afghanistan's 21 million people.

Zaeef said Taliban leader Mullah Mohammed Omar was safe despite three days of attacks against his home and office in the Kandahar area, and "Osama is also safe."

"(US President George W.) Bush's claim that they destroyed the defense capability of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan is not true," the envoy said. "American planes are flying very high and they are not in the range of the defense system that we have. As we know, we do not have that sophisticated and modern defense system. But that they have destroyed our defense capability is not true."

Heart of America

In the videotape, Abu Ghaith praised the perpetrators of the Sept. 11 terror attacks in New York and Washington for their "good deed," saying they had "moved the battle into the heart of America."

"The Americans must know that the storm of airplanes will not stop, God willing," the white-turban spokesperson pledged. "And there are thousands of young people who are as keen about death as Americans are about life."

Defiant in the face of the US-led air attacks, the statement nevertheless made clear the pressure that Bin Laden's al-Qaida was feeling. At one point it took the unusual step of specifically urging Muslim women, as well as men, to join in fighting the United States.

"I direct this message to the entire Islamic nation, and I say to them that all sides today have come together against the nation of Islam and the Muslims," Abu Ghaith said.

He added: "This is the crusade that Bush has promised us, coming toward Afghanistan against the Islamic nation and the Afghan people. We are living under this bombardment from the crusade, which is also targeting all Islamic peoples.

"America has opened a door that, God willing, will not be closed.

"This battle is a decisive battle between faithlessness and faith. And I ask God to give us victory in the face of our enemy, and return them defeated."

The station Al-Jazeera, which historically has been one of the main conduits for Bin Laden's messages to the outside, said it received the tape on Tuesday at its bureau in the Afghan capital of Kabul.

Bin Laden, his top lieutenant and Abu Ghaith appeared in a tape aired by Al-Jazeera immediately after the US-led strikes began Sunday.

In that tape, Bin Laden said attacks on Americans would persist until US forces were out of Saudi Arabia—home to Islam's two holiest sites—and until Palestinians were secure in their own land.

Abu Ghaith said in the Tuesday tape: "The Americans must know that by invading the land of Afghanistan, they have opened a new page of enmity and struggle between us and the forces of the unbelievers. We will fight them with the material and the spiritual strength that we have, and our faith in God. We shall be victorious."

More protests

In Khartoum, Sudanese Islamic scholars and demonstrators voiced support for Bin Laden before police fired tear gas to disperse them.

In Jakarta, Indonesians staged protests for a third day at the tightly guarded US Embassy as police stepped up security.

The student demonstrators carried placards reading, "Save Afghanistan," "Save the world from global terrorism" and "Drag Bush to an international tribunal."

They demanded that President Megawati Sukarnoputri's government cut diplomatic ties with the United States and its allies.

In Bangkok, about 200 members of the Thai Muslim Peace Group protested outside the US Embassy, calling for an end to the air attacks on Afghanistan and solidarity among Muslims to reject the strikes.

They carried banners saying, "Bush, you know all Muslims are brothers!" and "Bush—Big Satan."

In Pakistan, noisy but peaceful protests were also held in Karachi, the largest city, and Peshawar. In the diplomatic quarter of Islamabad, the capital, troops patrolled the streets in vehicles mounted with machine guns.

The most violent protests have been in the volatile province of Baluchistan, of which Quetta is the provincial capital. The area is a stronghold of the pro-Taliban Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam, or Party of Islamic Clerics.

In Athens, some 4,000 Greek anti-war protesters marched against what organizers called an "imperialist war," and called Americans "murderers of peoples."

In Brisbane, police arrested six people at an anti-war demonstration outside the recruiting center of Australia's defense department.

In Berlin, pacifists delivered a 20,000-signature petition to the foreign ministry calling on the German government to avoid getting involved in the military action in Afghanistan.

Islam no target

In Washington, the US government said it was generally pleased with the response of the Muslim world to the air strikes, but admitted that not everyone was getting the message that Islam was not the target.

At a meeting in Doha, Arab foreign ministers voiced support for the international fight against terrorism but gave a muted response to the air attacks.

"We are all against international terrorism and we will not tolerate this phenomenon being linked to Islam," Arab League secretary general Amr Moussa said.

Asked about the league's response to the military strikes on Afghanistan, he said these "should be limited to what they (the Americans) consider to be military bases" and should spare civilians.

In Tokyo, it was reported that the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (Apec) would adopt a joint statement against international terrorism.

The statement will be released during the Oct. 20-21 Apec summit in Shanghai, which will be attended by world leaders including US President Bush, Russian President Vladimir Putin and Chinese President Jiang Zemin, Jiji Press said.

Abdul Hadi Awang, one of the spiritual leaders of the pan Malaysia Islamic Party, said there was no party directive for its members to go to Afghanistan.

"We are not directing our members to go to Afghanistan because we feel that there are enough Muslims there to face the American attack," Awang was quoted as saying by Bernama news agency.

"For neighboring countries, it is required of them to assist, and for us who are farther away, it is sufficient to express sympathy and to pray for their safety," he said. *Reports from INQUIRER wires*

US Army . . .

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Several top action filmmakers—men behind such octane-fueled thrillers as "Die Hard" and "Delta Force One"—are helping the US Army dream up possible terrorist threats America might face in the future and how to handle them.

The counterterrorism brainstorming sessions are the latest focus of the Institute for Creative Technologies, formed in 1999 at the University of Southern California to develop advanced training programs for the Army, institute officials said Tuesday.

The Army declined to provide specifics about the sessions or to name members of the group.

'Die Hard' writer

But one official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, confirmed a report in the entertainment trade paper Daily Variety that the participants included screenwriter Steven E. de Souza, who co-wrote the 1988 hit "Die Hard" in which terrorists commandeered a Los Angeles office building.

The other participants were television writer David Engelbach ("MacGyver") and movie director Joseph Zito, whose credits include "Delta Force One," "Invasion U.S.A." and "Missing in Action."

Also joining the panel were directors Spike Jonze ("Being John Malkovich"), David Fincher ("Fight Club," "Seven"), Randal Kleiser ("Grease," "Honey, I Blew Up the Kid") and Mary Lambert ("The In Crowd"), as well as screenwriters Paul De Meo and Danny Bilson ("The Rocketeer").

"In the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks, the Army and USC's ICT have worked together to coordinate ongoing panel discussions with some of Hollywood's top talents," the center said in a statement.

Like previous enterprises the institute has undertaken on such subjects as US peacekeeping and natural disasters, the counterterrorism project brings together producers, writers and directors from the film and TV industries with experts from the academe and the military, institute officials said.

The officials declined to describe the scenarios discussed by the latest panel at its meeting days after the Sept. 11 aerial assaults on the Pentagon and the World Trade Center.

Simulation systems

The institute was formed under a $45-million US Army grant as a partnership among academics, video game makers and creative talent in Hollywood to design advanced "virtual reality" and simulation training systems for the military.

One multimedia "mission rehearsal" displayed on the institute's website involves a group of Army troops in Bosnia who are confronted by a large, hostile crowd after a US military vehicle accidentally runs down a Serbian boy in the street. The situation is fictional.

The military has a long history of working with filmmakers, said Michael Macedonia, chief scientist for the Army's Simulation, Training and Instrumentation Command based in Orlando, Florida.

"You're talking (about) screenwriters and producers, that's one of the things that they're paid to do every day—speculate," he said. "These are very brilliant, creative people. They can come up with fascinating insights very quickly."

Patriots

"They are some of the biggest patriots I've met," he added.

The Army doesn't know if the terrorism scenarios will prove useful, because it normally takes "several months to over a year" for such projects to be completed, Macedonia said.

"The group looking at counterterrorism is really an extension of the kind of efforts we've been doing for about two years," one institute official said. "The benefit of the entertainment group is that they think more creatively. They think outside the box."

He said the team was asked "what kind of things could possibly happen, and how could they be prevented." Results of the discussions will ultimately be presented to the Army.

"It's very dynamic, and everybody agrees we don't sleep well afterward, because we're very keyed up," said one institute official who sat in on the first session. *Reuters, AP*

Rivero: PCSO scam part of media plan

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Rivero also accused First Gentleman Mike Arroyo and Dante Ang, the President's personal publicist, of being behind the plan to bribe and give juicy government positions to some 100 media personalities, including critics of the Macapagal administration, in exchange for their favorable commentaries and news reports.

Earlier he had accused Mike Arroyo of ordering the use of P250 million in PCSO funds to bankroll the campaign of four senatorial candidates of the People Power Coalition namely, Joker Arroyo, Juan Flavier, Ernesto Herrera and Roberto Pagdanganan.

'Shopping for witnesses'

But Senator Arroyo yesterday said Rivero had no evidence in the alleged P250-million PCSO scam, and that he and a staff member of opposition Sen. Edgardo Angara had been "shopping around" for witnesses.

"They have been shopping for a corroborative statement, in other words, they don't have evidence," Arroyo, head of the Senate blue ribbon panel, told Senate reporters.

But Rivero said yesterday he had two other witnesses to corroborate his testimony.

According to Senator Arroyo, people have been calling him to inform him that Rivero and Demaree Raval, legal counsel of the Senate committee on constitutional amendments and revision of laws under Angara, had approached them for help.

"(Raval) has been going around looking for supporting evidence, supporting witnesses. He has talked to them and he couldn't find any," he said. "So, as of now, Rivero doesn't have a single, supporting witness."

In a speech late in the afternoon, Arroyo asked Angara to "rein in" Raval, saying that Raval was not supposed to be an "ambulance chaser."

"The idea of attacking and looking for a witness is the mischief that was created here," he said.

But Angara said that it was not his "style, upbringing and orientation" to rein in his men. He described Raval as a responsible person and competent lawyer.

Investment

At the press conference, Rivero claimed that the Macapagal administration would use funds from "money-making agencies" like the PCSO for this projected media campaign disguised as legitimate advertising placements with television and radio stations.

"The point here is for us to start now conducting special operations so that by the time of the 2004 elections, the administration will no longer be paying," Rivero told reporters in Filipino.

"*Kung baga mag-invest na tayo ngayon pero eto agreement natin dyan later on, na pagdating ng kampanya kung ano para kay Presidente ngayon lahat ng* exposure and publicity—*wala nang babayaran pagdating ng panahon,*" he added.

Asked whether President Macapagal knew about the media plan, Rivero claimed that she did.

"She gave Ang blanket authority," said Rivero, who was in charge of all advertising contracts for print and broadcast including sponsorships while he was at the PCSO. He resigned in August.

Based on Rivero's disclosures, Sen. Panfilo Lacson delivered a privilege speech last week accusing Mike Arroyo of using the PCSO as a "cash cow."

Yesterday, Rivero showed reporters a list of some of these media personalities who were appointed by President Macapagal as directors and consultants in government-owned and controlled corporations and government financial institutions. ***(List at the end of the story.)***

Rivero created a small commotion when he arrived at the the Senate yesterday to submit his three-page affidavit to Angara.

RIVERO'S list is still incomplete, he says during at an interview on Wednesday. He says he'll name more names during the Senate investigation. ERIK ARAZAS

'Special operations'

In his affidavit, Rivero talked of a "special operation" in a meeting in April with Mike Arroyo at the LTA building in Makati also attended by PCSO director Resty de Quiros. Rivero said they were directed to coordinate with Press Undescretary Bobby Capco.

According to Rivero, "the special operations have something to do with the public relations of President Arroyo and/or the First Gentleman, dealing with specific media practitioners sympathetic to the First Couple, designed to sustain the PR campaign of the Arroyo administration. A scheme similar to the one adopted for the campaign package was used, that is to tap the advertising operation of the PCSO with favored clients who were endorsed by Undersecretary Capco and/or Atty. Mike Arroyo."

The Rivero revelations also caused a clash between senators belonging to the majority and minority coalitions yesterday over which committee would lead the investigation on his allegations of Mr. Arroyo's diversion of PCSO funds.

The exchange turned so heated among Senators Arroyo, Angara and Senate Minority Leader Aquilino Pimentel that Senate President Franklin Drilon suspended the session to "cool heads."

The Senate President said he would call for a majority caucus on Monday.

"There is now confusion in the Senate," Arroyo said as he took the Senate floor yesterday and blamed Rivero, the whistle-blower of the latest scandal involving the first gentleman, of "making the Senate quarrel."

Taking the floor, Angara asked why Arroyo was protesting too much and wondered whether he was "lawyering" for someone.

But Pimentel denied the senators were quarreling.

Rivero also denied that he was out to make the senators quarrel, saying that his disclosures were true.

Opposition Sen. Vicente Sotto III said that Rivero's submission of his affidavit gave his allegations "official status" and mandated the Senate to look into them.

His affidavit detailed his accusations that Mike Arroyo ordered him to tap PCSO funds to help the four senatorial bets in the last senatorial elections in May.

Rivero said that his affidavit also described his meeting with the four senatorial bets.

"It was Attorney Mike who ordered us to tap the PCSO funds to make legal the giving of payola to media, to cover this up," he said in Filipino.

Without mentioning any name, he told reporters of one prominent radio anchor who was being given P2-3 million a month.

Rivero said that he knew about this because he was the one who designed the media plan and was the one giving the bribes to the media.

Actually, even before President Macapagal was installed in power, a payola had already been in place using personal funds of Mr. Arroyo, he said.

It was Ang whom he said was the one fixing people in "higher levels" such as print and broadcast executives.

Rivero said he would tell all once the Senate starts probing his allegations. He claims he has two to three witnesses to back him up.

Rivero's list

Rivero's list of mediamen appointed by President Macapagal follows:

- Alejandro del Rosario, publisher of Manila Standard, appointed director of Radio Philippines Network;
- Arturo Borjal, columnist of Philippine Star, appointed director of the PCSO;
- Dante Ang, president and publisher of Manila Times and owner of Kabayan, appointed chair of RPN-9 board, director of the Apo Production Unit in Edsa, Quezon City and newly resigned director of the Philippine Amusements and Gaming Corp.;
- Cerge Remonde, owner of a radio station dyLA in Cebu, former undersecretary of the Office of the Press Secretary, appointed chair of the Board of the Intercontinental Broadcasting Corp., (IBC-13);
- Elpidio Macalma, assistant station manager of dzRH and columnist of Kabayan and Manila Times, appointed director of RPN-9;
- Nandy Vitalico, managing editor of dzRH and columnist of Abante, appointed director of IBC-13;
- Aristeo Ilagan, reporter of Manila Bulletin and dzRH, consultant to the PCSO chair, receiving P20,000 monthly salary;
- Alexander Magno, columnist of Manila Standard and Abante, director of the Development Bank of the Philippines receiving a monthly salary of P150,000;
- Ma. Lourdes Sytangco, columnist of Manila Bulletin, appointed director of RPN-9;
- Alvin Capino, columnist of Today, appointed director of Bases Conversion Development Authority;
- Julius Fortuna, columnist of Manila Times and People's Journal, appointed director of Philippine National Oil Company;
- Antonio Carpio, columnist of the Philippine Daily Inquirer, appointed director of Petron and personal lawyer of Atty. Mike Arroyo; *(Editor's Note: Carpio turned down the directorship to continue writing for the INQUIRER.)*
- Teodoro Berbano, Kabayan editor, appointed chair of the Board and Publisher of the Journal Group and;
- Benjamin Defensor, Kabayan editor, appointed vice chair and group editor in chief of the Journal Group of Publications.

Spouses

Rivero also listed spouses of four columnists and media personalities who were given juicy government posts "as reward for their being staunchly pro-GMA in their write-ups." These were:

- Belinda Cunanan, columnist of the Philippine Daily Inquirer, whose husband ret. Gen. Thelmo Cunanan was appointed president of the Philippine National Oil Co (PNOC); *(Editor's Note: Cunanan gave the INQUIRER advance notice of her husband's appointment as she was well aware of the paper's strictly enforced conflict of interest policy. General Cunanan has solid credentials for the job apart from that of his wife. It would have been unfair to him to ask him not to accept a government position just because his wife happens to be an INQUIRER columnist. But the INQUIRER made very clear to Ms Cunanan that she's now prohibited from commenting on PNOC or anything remotely connected to it.)*
- Randy David, INQUIRER columnist and co-host of ABS-CBN's "Off the Record" program, whose wife, Karina Constantino, was appointed chair of the Civil Service Commission.
- Carmen Pedrosa, Philippine Star columnist, whose husband, Alberto Pedrosa, was appointed director of PNOC. Mr. Pedrosa is also the publisher and board chair of Republika, a weekly tabloid which is staunchly pro-GMA.
- Marichu Villanueva, Philippine Star reporter, whose husband, Catalin Flores Jr., was appointed director of RPN-9.

Active chess slated

THE 8TH and final leg in the Shell National Youth Active Chess Championship 2001 unfolds at the Chess Plaza, 2nd Floor Greenhills Shopping Center, San Juan Metro Manila on Oct. 13-14.

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"List-up officials look forward to a flood of entries in the National Capital Region, including invading teams from the provinces. Participants can expect to run through a gauntlet of crusty and chess battle-tested opponents in this particular tournament" stated Shell nationwide tournament organizer Teddy Bolivar.

Invited to grace the tournament's opening rites are San Juan Mayor Jose Victor E. Ejercito, Greenhills Shopping Center general manager Mr. Jose V. Lim III and Shell Events Manager Mr. Bobby Villarosa.

UST booters, FEU advance

UAAP varsity rivals UST and FEU battled to a 2-all standoff last weekend but it was enough for the two Group D teams to earn slots to the next round of the Third Globe Super Cup football championship at the UST soccer grounds.

The UST and FEU booters, with identical 2-1-1 records, both have seven points to join group frontrunner Air Force (4-0), which won over Athletico by default, in the knockout stage of the Globe-sponsored event organized by the National Capital Region Football Association.

Defending champion Navy, which qualified to the next phase as early as last week, roared to its fourth straight triumph in Group C by routing Letran (2-2), 8-0, at the Nomads pitch in the tourney backed by First Asia Mobile Inc., exclusive Globe distributors of Siemens cellular phones.

Despite the loss, the Letran footballers also earned their berth in the next round along with the Seamen, leaving Air Force B (2-1), Nomads (1-1) and Kaya Agila (1-2) fighting it out for the remaining two seats.

M.O.A. WITH PBA

BAP: No go yet for Asiad team

By Marc Anthony Reyes

BASKETBALL Association of the Philippines secretary general Graham Lim yesterday said the BAP is thrilled to hear about PBA's readiness for the Asian Games but it can't still give the go signal for its participation.

The reason is that the BAP, with its newly installed officials, has yet to sit down and decide whether to honor its memorandum of agreement with the PBA forged by the previous BAP administration.

"That's good news to us,'' Lim told the Inquirer over the phone while on board a plane to Cebu yesterday. "Unfortunately, we still have to discuss whatever arrangement we will have with the PBA.''

Lim said the BAP board is set to meet third week of October to decide whether to honor the MOA with the PBA which has been their code of conduct with regard to Asiad participation.

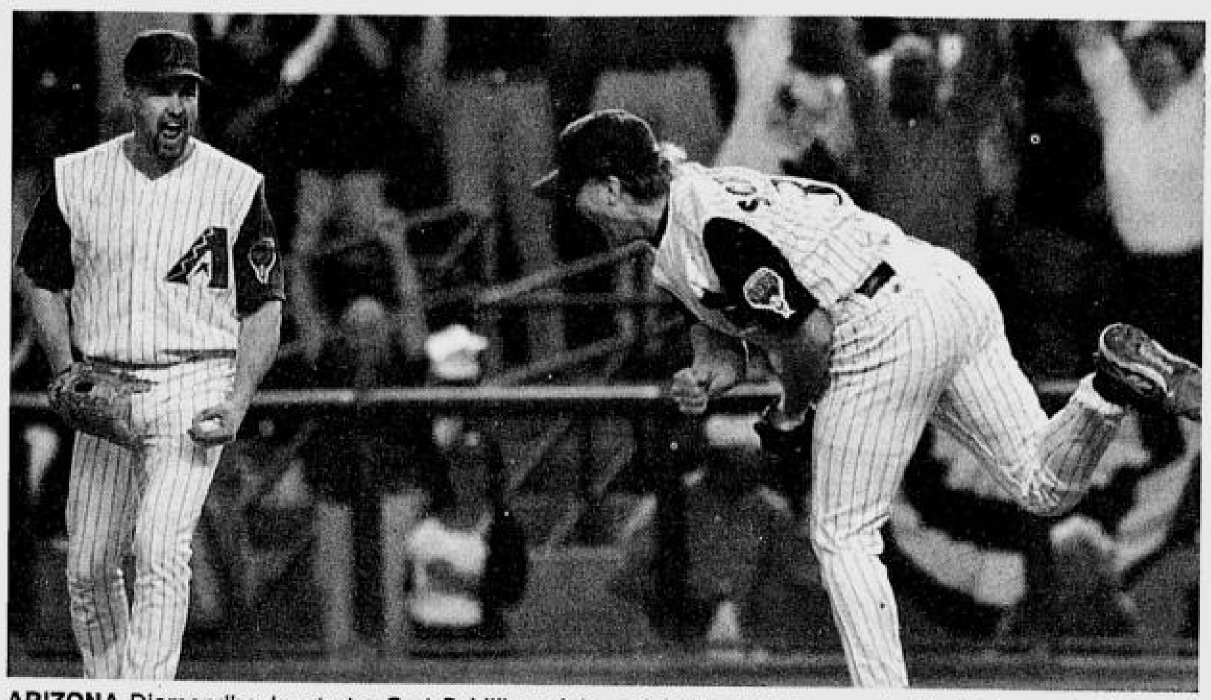
"We really can't commit on anything right now because everything depends on the decision of the board,'' added Lim, who nevertheless reiterated the importance of having the experience and skill which the PBA could provide in shooting for the Asiad gold next year.

BAP president Tiny Literal, who was in Dipolog City and can't be reached at presstime, earlier said he was considering having an Asiad team made up of PBA and MBA (Metropolitan Basketball Association) stars.

However, the PBA maintains that once given the thumbs-up sign, it should be given the blanket authority once more to operate the team.

PBA commissioner Jun Bernardino on Tuesday said the PBA and the BAP must work on the "same parameters as before.''

MBA players have been representing the country in smaller international tournaments, winning the gold in the recent Kuala Lumpur Southeast Asian Games.



ARIZONA Diamondbacks starter Curt Schilling, right, celebrates with teammate Mark Grace after beating the St. Louis Cardinals 1-0 in Game 1 of the best-of-five National League Division Series, Tuesday, at Bank One Ballpark in Phoenix. Schilling pitched a 3-hit, complete game shutout. Playoffs results: American League—Cleveland 5 Seattle 0 (Cleveland lead series 1-0); National League—Atlanta 7 Houston 4 (Atlanta lead series 7-4; Arizona 1 St. Louis 0 (Arizona leads series 1-0). AP

Slashers shoot down Eagles

GAMES TOMORROW
(RMC Gym Davao)
3:00 p.m.—LBC Batangas vs TPG Davao
5:30 p.m. –Nueva Ecija vs FedEx Laguna

By Roy Luarca

DAVAO CITY—It doesn't pay to play catch-up with the Negros Slashers.

The TPG Davao Eagles found this out yesterday as they ran out of steam chasing the Slashers and bowed, 122-107, in the MBA Second Phase at the RMC Gym here. Five times the Eagles threatened, but each time the Slashers retaliated and retained the lead en route to their fourth win against one loss, giving them the lead in the Southern Conference.

By the last minute, however, the Eagles have no more power to give when the Slashers dropped a closing 8-2 salvo to widen the margin.

TPG Davao came to within three points twice, the last at 81-78, only to fall back as Negros countered through its smooth transition game.

Ruben del Rosa, who poured in 18 points to lift Negros to a 63-51 spread at halftime, eventually finished with 24 points on top of four steals and shared best player honors with Johnedel Cardel.

Andok's San Juan went full throttle in the fourth quarter to rout Cebuana Lhuillier, 91-73, in the other game at the San Juan Gym. The Knights grabbed sole top spot at 7-1, while the Gems dropped to 3-4.

Compromise equals unity

SPECTATOR

Al S. Mendoza

JUN Bernardino is now officially back. Absent for months to battle—and beat—a heart ailment, the PBA Commissioner drew his guns on Tuesday and fired shots that hit their marks.

"We are ready once again to field our players to the Asian Games next year," he said. "This has been a commitment by the league to which we are duty-bound to honor."

PBA players have represented the country in the last three Asian Games.

Robert Jaworski coached the Philippines to a second-place finish in 1990 in Beijing. In 1994, Norman Black mentored the nationals to a fourth-place finish in Hiroshima before Tim Cone piloted the Filipinos to third place in the 1998 Asiad in Bangkok.

Bernardino's reiteration of the PBA's commitment to provide the players for next year's Asian Games in Pusan, South Korea, was timely. He said: "A long preparation begets a positive outcome."

The Pusan Games will be held September next year.

I agree with Jun. Forming the team early will make 50 percent of the job virtually done. One year of preparation should put the boys in good stead.

The one hitch I foresee is the "blanket authority" contained in the memorandum of agreement drafted by the PBA and the previous BAP administration. It means that the PBA has the sole authority to form, prepare and train the team for next year's Asian Games. In short, the entire operation of the team is in the hands of the PBA. The BAP's role in the past—nominating the PBA to represent the country in Pusan—should be observed again if we go by Jun's logic.

I see this a hitch since the agreement was forged when the BAP was still under the leadership of Lito Puyat. Tiny Literal is now the new BAP head, his claim to the BAP throne made legitimate a while back by the Philippine Olympic Committee through POC president Cito Dayrit.

Will Tiny oblige?

Heard he was not amenable to the idea and initially wanted "50-50" on the composition of the team. Meaning, 6 PBA players and 6 non-PBA players. Not a bad idea. We can augment the PBA's 6 with the 6 from the MBA, which has its own array of talents to choose from.

But the question is, will the PBA agree? I'm sure the MBA will agree. Thus, it'd be the PBA's call this time. Will it budge? A tough decision to make, I tell you. But if unity we all seek, why will Jun B not budge?

The one positive thing I see in this is, that there's an agreement of ideas: everybody's willing to send only the best to Pusan. But who should rank as the best is a subjective matter. The PBA will say it has the best. The MBA will say it has the best. Thus, a compromise is in order. Otherwise, forget Pusan.

Let's all plant camote, instead.

Tanduay blasts Purefoods, 114-89

GAMES TOMORROW
(Cuneta Astrodome)
5:05 p.m.—Pop Cola vs San Miguel
7:10 p.m.—Ginebra vs Talk N Text

By June Navarro

TANDUAY neutralized Purefoods' quickness with its offensive firepower to win by a mile, 114-89, last night in the PBA Governors' Cup at the Araneta Coliseum.

Crippled by the absence of some of their key players, the Rhummasters made the most out of what they have and poured it all in the third period to eventually shackle the Hotdogs en route to the victory.

It was Tanduay's second win in as many games, which shattered the Rhummasters' four-game plunge that put them near the bottom of the standings at 2-5.

Erik Menk, Zaldy Realubit and Bong Hawkins were hobbled by injuries and had to content themselves by watching their teammates.

Alaska also registered its second win in seven games after beating Batang Red Bull, 86-81, in the second game. The Thunder dropped to 2-4 and tied San Miguel Beer.

TANDUAY 114—Thomas 34, Carlaso 24, Cantonjos 13, Locsin 12, Hontiveros 12, Friedhof 7, Webb 5, Balingit 5, Pumaren 2.
PUREFOODS 89—Brown 31, Castillo 24, Fernandez 9, Yee 8, Evangelista 7, Patrimonio 4, Yap 4, Feinl 2, Victoria 0.
Quarters: 24-19, 50-44, 78-55, 114-89.

Ucap meet gets going; 55 fights up

MANDALUYONG Coliseum's 5th Ucap/ Firebird 7-Stag Derby enters its championship round at 6 tonight with 55 fights lined up.

Sponsors are Sagupaan Super Feeds and Washout Shampoo.

Two entries from a field 35 posted three victories each Tuesday night. These are KGB OPMI Firebird of derby host Biboy Enriquez, Vic Yu and Francis Lumunsad and M2 Phoenix Invictus of Mario Villamor and lawyer Mario Antonio.

With 2.5 points are entries Altuz, Oct. 16-18, San Rafael Anniv. and Panaginip while Magzee Farm II, Balete, GF-Ban Cavite International, GFF-Ban Bacolod Group, Hammer Sagupaan, Arnis Master, Sir Vincent, RLB, PE San Pablo PBRJ,King Boxer, Blue Blade JBB and CPB PBRJ have two points each.

Meanwhile, another 4-stag event will be held at Mandaluyong Coliseum on Saturday, Oct. 13, to be hosted by Ucap's screening committee (Tiago Cerilla, Ariel Garovillo and Rey Oliveros).

Ocampo lifts DLSU cagers to victory

GAME TUESDAY *(Araneta Coliseum)*
5 p.m. DLSU vs ADMU (Srs; Game 3)

ROUSSEL Ocampo lived up to her billing as the 64th UAAP season's best female cager, scoring 31 points, as De La Salle University beat University of the Philippines, 74-69, for the Lady Archers' third straight title yesterday at the Ateneo gym.

Ocampo, who was awarded the women's MVP trophy last week, made two steals in succession and converted them to five points as the Lady Archers made it 69-63, only 2:41 to play.

UP's Camille Dowling flubbed two freethrows in the next play and, after an inbound error by DLSU's Jessica Severino, Lourdes Cruz missed a triple try as the game reached the final two minutes.

After a La Salle miss, Marison Mendoza cut UP's deficit to 65-69, 1:32 to go, as she followed up Andrea Abadilla's miss from the three-point line.

Finals MVP Regina Velarde split her charities to increase La Salle's lead to 70-65 but Dowling moved UP closer to 67-70 with an undergoal stab, 27.5 seconds remaining.

Both schools exchanged baskets from there as La Salle completed the Grand Slam highlighted by a 12-game sweep in the eliminations.

CELEBRATION time for the De La Salle ladies team after beating the UP lasses yesterday for the UAAP basketball crown.
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Collins limits Jordan's training time

WILMINGTON, North Carolina — Despite taunts from the crowd in Michael Jordan's hometown, Washington Wizards coach Doug Collins stuck to his plan to limit Jordan's time spent in training match scrimmage.

Jordan scored 13 points in 18 minutes in the first half of the scrimmage, but fans at the University of North Carolina-Wilmington became restless when he didn't return in the second half Tuesday.

Collins never gave in, opting to rest his 38-year-old superstar after a long week of training camp.

I just have to monitor him, and I think he trusts me enough, Collins said. October 30th is our goal.

Jordan dominated the first half of the scrimmage, but spent the second half sitting on the sideline with a towel draped over his shoulders. He joked with teammates and Wizards officials, watched people in the crowd and even bobbed his head to the Sanford and Son theme song.

The crowd chanted We want Jordan! a couple of times, and one student yelled for Jordan to return because a Duke player—Christian Laettner—was the best player on the court. But by the eight-minute mark, Jordan had ice bags taped to both knees, and many of the fans started leaving. *AP*

Kuerten out

LYON, France—World number one Gustavo Kuerten of Brazil lost 7-6 (7/1) 6-2 to Croatia's Ivan Ljubicic in the first round of the $800,000 Lyon ATP tournament here on Tuesday.

Kuerten, a star attraction of this tournament in France's second city, was well beaten by 22-year-old Ljubicic, ranked 47 places below him.

The Croatian was the more assured during the rallies and played some exceptional shots. He won in an hour and nine minutes and even led 4-0 in the second set, such was his domination. *AFP*

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Race 4—1. Dragon Doding 2. Rose in Bloom 3. Ladies Night 4. Ang Seaman

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UNITY IN HORSERACING

Stalwarts of the horseracing industry led by Marho directors join hands with top officials of the Philracom and the Philippine Racing Club Inc. in launching the 6th SMB-Marho Breeders' Cup Week Racefest on Nov. 4 at the Santa Ana Park. Seated from left are PRCI EVP and COO Ramon Ereneta Jr., Commissioners Rogelio Tandiama and Francis Trillana Jr., Chair Andrew Sanchez, Commissioner Lyndon Guce and PRCI racing manager Fernando Maramag. Standing, from left, are PRCI SVP for Finance Allan Abesamis, Marho director Tony Tan, Jun Almeda, Joseph Dyhengco, Marho president Aristeo Puyat, Hermie Esguerra, Marho chair Leonardo "Sandy" Javier Jr., Jake Maderazo, Jose Mari Franco, Augusto "Dinky" Santos III, Chito Borromeo and PRCI VP for Marketing Fulton Su.

Sta. Lucia Tour back tomorrow

ALTA Vista of Cebu presses its bid for the overall diadem when the course-hopping Sta. Lucia Golf Tour resumes tomorrow with the Orchard Golf and Country Club hosting the first of two Luzon legs at its Palmer and Player courses.

Alta Vista, behind the winning effort of its A team in Group II, turned in the highest total for five teams (671) in the launching leg it hosted last month to take a big step toward snatching the Sta. Lucia Cup from defending champion Orchard (644).

Eagle Ridge and Royale Tagaytay are also out to boost their won campaigns even as the fifth club in the cast, Rancho Palos Verdes, hopes to contend in the individual category of the 36-hole tourney.

Co-sponsors of the event are Golforce Inc., Gainers Marketing, Atlanta Industries, Kubota Agro-Ind. Machinery Phils., Unirock, Readycon, Club Car, Omega, Yamaha/Kart Plaza, Philippine Airlines, Kodak Digital Camera, Semicon, Isuzu Fuego-Cebu and Neltex and Anako. Official hotels are Hyat, Cebu Plaza and Marco Polo-Davao.

Philippine Airlines is flying the entries from Cebu and Davao to venues outside their vicinity.

Vicente Santos and Winnie Gob, the chair and vice chair of the executive committee handling the event, said that the keen competition in the inaugural leg should set the tone for the whole series.

"Three different clubs won in the three groups in Cebu, so we expect the battle to get tighter as the series goes on," said Santos, himself a director of Orchard. "There is now a lot of pressure for all the members of each delegation to deliver."

'Bayawak' golf on tap

THE BAYAWAK Golf Club will hold its 16th invitational golf tournament today at the South Course of the Canlubang Golf and Country Club with a total of 110 players expected to participate. Shotgun tee-off is 9 a.m.

The major sponsors of this year's tournament are PLDT, Duty Free Philippines, The Triple V Group, Ramon "Amos" Yulo, and Ramon "Mulsy" Regala.

The board of Bayawak, known in Canlubang as "the club within the club," is composed of Amos Yulo, Ramon Regala, Raul Marcelo, Teddy Villanueva, David Dichupa, Jesse LaO, Monet LaO, Rad Ocampo, Jerry Pineda and Felix Yulo.

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Paeng's return nets him Thailand Masters

PAENG Nepomuceno strikes again.

The four-time World Cup champion won the ESPN Thailand Masters Cup in Bangkok over a star-studded field to announce his return to active competition.

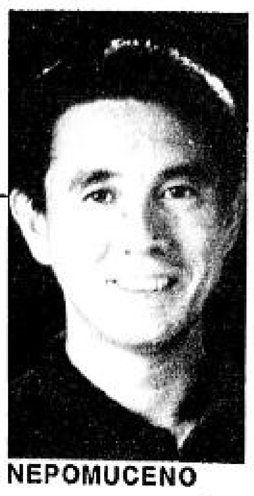
His victory will be telecast over ESPN on Saturday at 5 p.m. Paeng's victory was his first after a forced layoff of two years following complicated wrist surgery. It was also his first victory on his fourth decade of competition.

The Guinness Book of World Records has listed Paeng for winning World Cup titles in each of the three different decades.

Paeng, who always carries the colors of his country in international competitions, dedicated his victory to the country and the Filipino people.

In winning the international competition participated in by Asia's best bowlers, Paeng first beat fellow Filipino Chester King, 200-199.

Next, he ousted Taiwan's Tseng Heng Hsien, 212-206, before defeating Hsieh Chin Liang of Taiwan 213-178. Finally, in front of a partisan crowd, Paeng humbled Thailand's Bunsong Nunthuam in an exciting final match, 206 to 203, to claim the Thailand leg of the Asian Bowling Tour. In the ESPN Champion's Challenge, Paeng beat Shalin Zulkifli, the reigning world tenpin masters champion, 212-191.



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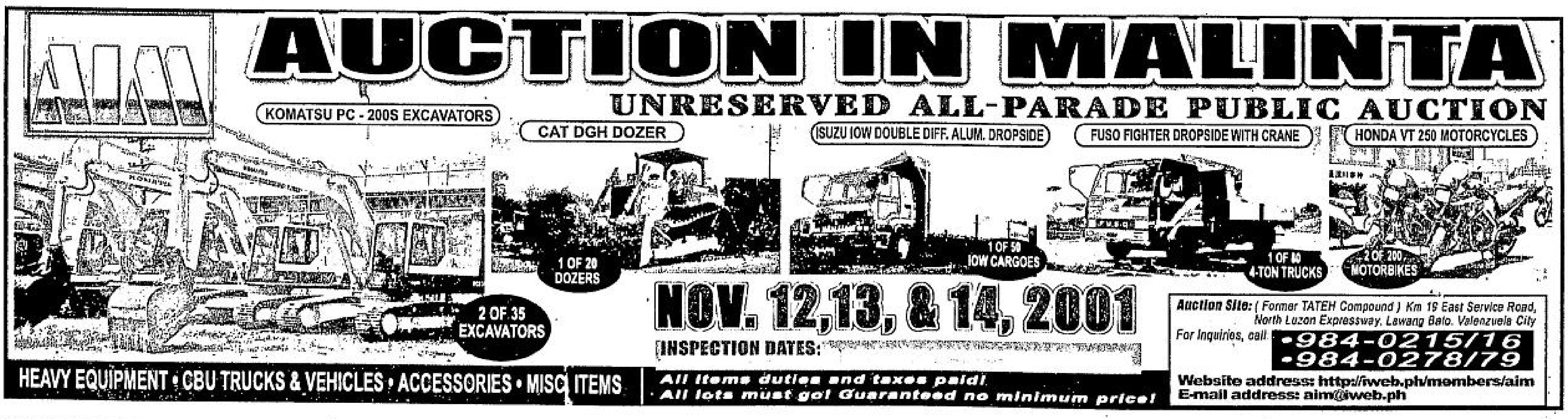
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VALENZUELA KIDNAPPINGS

Police are helpless

By Christian V. Esguerra

THE POLICE chief of Valenzuela City yesterday admitted helplessness and detailed why the place has become a haven for kidnappers.

With its remote areas and small subdivisions, the city north of Manila provides the perfect escape route for kidnappers, Supt. Leopoldo Ureña told the INQUIRER in an interview.

And with only 246 officers and 15 police cars to secure Valenzuela's 4,000 hectares, Ureña said it would be extremely difficult to effectively combat kidnappers.

One Valenzuela policeman must oversee the security of 2,600 residents, far from the ideal 1-to-500 ratio, Ureña said.

To solve this dilemma, the police chief called for more vigilance and cooperation among residents in fighting the kidnapping menace.

Residents, he said, should immediately report abduction cases, even the presence of suspicious-looking persons in their areas.

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HEALTH HAZARD

Residents have no choice but cover their mouths and noses in a faint bid to ward off noxious fumes from the Anesco fiberglass factory in Barangay Vergara, Mandaluyong City. A complaint has been sent to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, but owners of the firm claim their operations are both healthy and legit.

Appeals court prodded to resolve Villa slay case

By Cathy C. Yamsuan

THE MOTHER of hazing fatality Lenny Villa yesterday asked the Court of Appeals to expedite the resolution of the homicide case that has been pending before it for the past seven years.

Accompanied by fellow members of the Crusade Against Violence, Gerarda Villa delivered a letter to CA presiding justice Alice Martinez asking that her son's case be resolved immediately.

A decision issued soon would be a timely birthday gift for Villa who would have turned 33 yesterday, the CAV said.

Members of the Aquila Legis fraternity of the Ateneo Law School beat Villa to death during hazing rites held in Caloocan City 10 years ago.

In 1994, the Caloocan Regional Trial Court found 26 of the 33 accused Aquila men guilty of homicide. The convicted brods elevated the case before the CA.

CAV members complained that eight CA justices tasked to handle the case have inhibited themselves, either for being Aquila members or for having close ties with the fraternity brods.

Some of the convicted Aquilans made the news recently for being employed by high-profile government officials like Senate President Franklin Drilon and former presidential liaison officer Jose Jaime Policarpio, himself an Aquilan.

A mass was held for Villa at the De La Strada chapel in La Vista, Quezon City yesterday afternoon.

Another Chinoy slain

ANOTHER Chinese-Filipino businessman was killed yesterday in a daring ambush a few hundred meters from the SM mall on North Edsa, Quezon City.

Ernesto Vergara, 43, was the second to be killed by gunmen in two days, police said.

Vergara was on the wheel of his Toyota Prado

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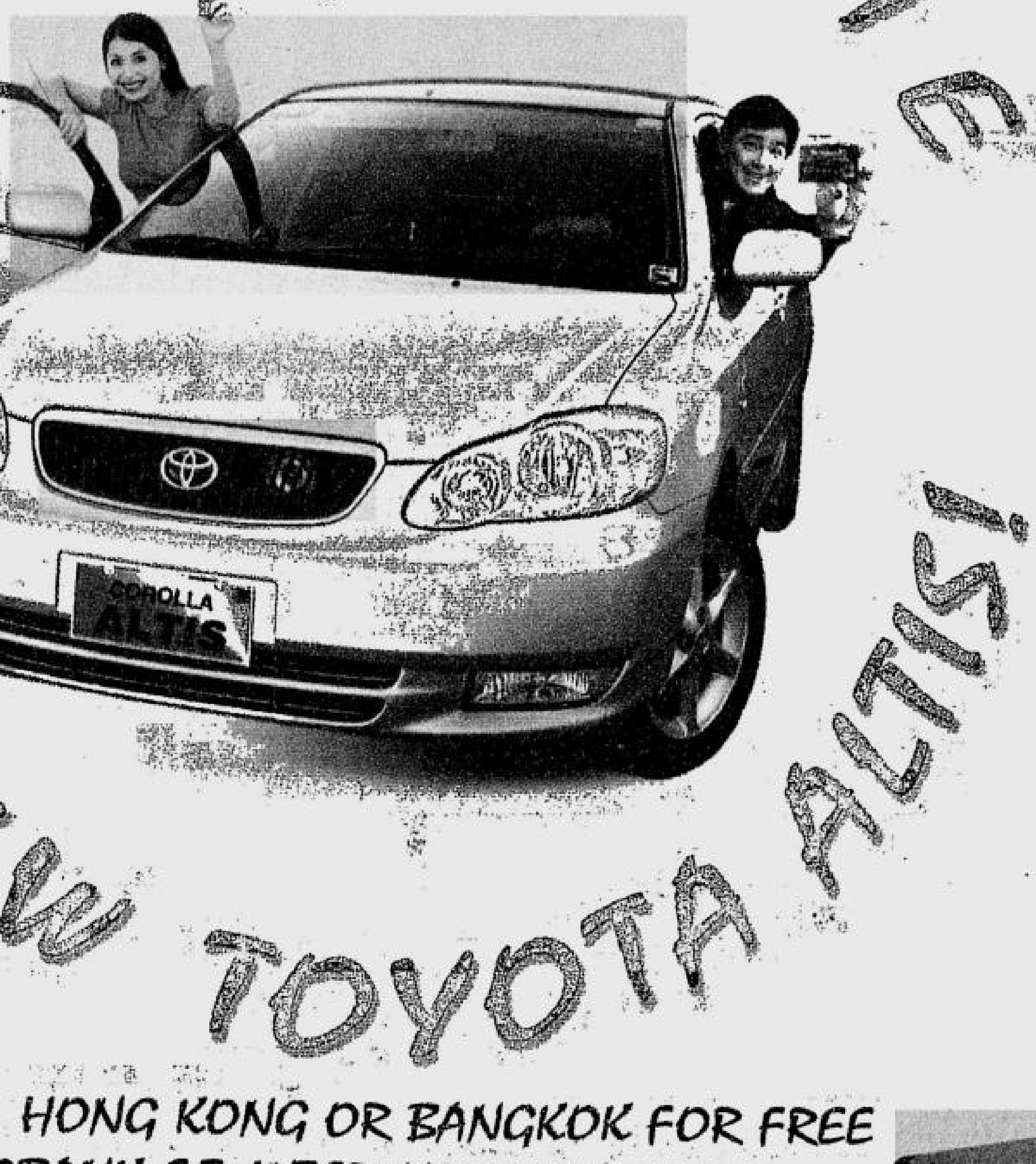

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Mayor Gatlabayan of Antipolo City charged with graft

By Michael Lim Ubac

OMBUDSMAN Aniano Desierto yesterday filed graft charges against Antipolo City Mayor Angelito Gatlabayan for refusing to pay for the two private lots, which were used as relocation for squatter residents evicted from the Sumulong Highway in 1999.

In an information filed with the Sandiganbayan, Gatlabayan "through manifest partiality, evident bad faith or gross inexcusable negligence, did then and there, willfully, unlawfully and feloniously" entered into a memorandum of agreement to purchase the lots located in Barangay Pinugay.

Desierto said Gatlabayan knew fully well that the lots were covered by a Certificate of Land Ownership Award with restrictions. He, however, went ahead with the land purchase after assuring lot owners Domingo and Angela Reforsado that the city government would take care of the land conversion.

But after the squatters were already relocated to the lots and after a downpayment of P500,000 was given to the Reforsados, Gatlabayan suddenly rescinded the sale of the lands and refused to pay the balance of the purchase because of the restrictions attached to the lands.

Desierto said there was a valid ground in rescinding the contract. "We find however, the existence of bad faith on the part of the respondent (Gatlabayan)."

Desierto said it was hardly unthinkable that the mayor did not take precautionary steps. "Under ordinary circumstances, the first step is to verify the title to determine if there is no legal impediments in case of a conveyance or if the owner has the capacity to effect the transfer," he said.

Desierto added that one could easily determine the encumbrances by a mere look at the land titles. "In addition, we find that there was no concealment on the part of complainant of the restrictions. It is therefore very much imprudent and grossly negligent for respondent to enter into a MOA even to the extent of paying P500,000 to complainant if he was not satisfied that the properties can be legally acquired by the (city)," he added.

The complaint was filed by lot owners through their counsels Armando Buenaventura and Francisco Santiago.

The complaint said Gatlabayan agreed to pay P300 per square meter for the 12,899-hectare lot of Domingo, and P269.35 per square meter for the 19,049 -hectare lot of Angela.

"Relying on respondent's assurances, complainant(s) gave their approval of the sale, only to be informed by respondent in the early part of July 1999 that the city government in Antipolo is no longer interested in the properties as he was able to find a much cheaper property," the complaint said.

But Desierto said that on July 1999, the engineering office of the city government "had entered the properties and bulldozed the area without (the owners) authority."

Left with no recourse, the owners were constrained to accept the offer of P500,000 as initial downpayment.

In a matter of five days, the Sumulong highway was cleared of squatters.

After 90 days, the owners said they were informed that Gatlabayan was no longer interested in paying the remaining balance.

Cop guns down Tondo pyromaniac

By Jerome Aning

A POLICEMAN shot dead an alleged pyromaniac who reportedly snatched his gun in Tondo, Manila about noon yesterday.

Michael Bergenia, 28, whom neighbors dubbed as "Michael Demonyo," suffered a bullet wound in the head. He was pronounced dead upon arrival at the Jose Reyes Memorial Medical Center in Sta. Cruz.

The policeman, SPO2 Ireneo Manalili, 38, assigned to the Western Police District's community relations division, was confined in the same hospital after the suspect shot him on the right lower leg.

The wounded cop would be questioned on the shooting to determine if he had violated standard police operating procedures.

SPO2 Manalili went to Bergenia house on 616 Francisco St., Tondo around noon and tried to arrest the suspect after neighbors complained that he would turn pyromaniac whenever high on drugs.

The suspect had tried to burn at least four houses in the area, SPO3 Paterno told reporters. The suspect reportedly tried to burn his own house by setting curtains and clothing on fire.

The policeman was assisted by the barangay chair and several *kagawads* in the area, who sought his help in turning over Bergenia to the city fire bureau's arson division Rizal Avenue in Sta. Cruz.

SPO1 Manalili aid Bergenia had barely sat inside the jeep when the suspect grabbed his .9mm-caliber service firearm and shot him on the leg.

Though wounded, the policeman lunged at Bergenia and they grappled for the possession of the gun, which fired and hit the suspect in the head.

Billiard hustler loses biggest game

JEALOUSY over supremacy in the game of billiards led to the death of a player on Tuesday in Navotas.

Nestor Navales, a hustler at billiards, died from several stab wounds in the body after his neighbor Jose Manalos Jr. attacked him inside a billiard hall about 9 p.m. Tuesday, police said.

Witnesses told police Manalos confronted Navales and accused him of cheating. Navales, who's known to be an expert at billiards, denied cheating and told Manalos that he was merely a sore loser.

The two exchanged blows, but Manalos suddenly pulled out a knife and stabbed Navales repeatedly in the body, police said.

Navales died on the way to the Tondo Medical Center.

Manalos escaped after the stabbing, police said.

Christian Esguerra

Another Chinoy slain

(From page A19)

(WAF-500) waiting for the traffic signal to turn green on the corner of North and Mindanao avenues when two men approached and sprayed him with bullets about 3 p.m. yesterday, police said.

He was shot 15 times and was killed on the spot, said Chief Insp. Rudy Jaraza, head of the Central Police District's Criminal Investigation Unit homicide division.

Jaraza said that the gunmen emptied their magazines on the victim-an indication of the "rage" that possessed the suspects when they shot Vergara.

Witnesses told police that after the shooting, the gunmen casually walked away toward SM City and got lost in the crowd.

Jaraza said the suspects might have a waiting get-away vehicle parked somewhere.

Investigators recovered two empty shells of 9 mm-caliber pistol inside Vergara's vehicle.

The businessman reportedly had just attended a hearing at the Quezon City Hall of Justice and was heading to Manila when he was ambushed, police said.

According to Jaraza, investigators have ruled out robbery as motive in Vergara's killing since there were no valuables taken from the businessman's vehicle.

On Tuesday, businessman Nelson Gabaldon was killed by a lone gunman in front of his wife right after the couple took their children to school on Calamba Street in Quezon City.

Early this week, robbers hit the SM City North Edsa mall and held up at least three jewelry shops and the moneychanger counter.

Last week, kidnappers took Connie Wong and her driver in Manresa, killed the victims when ransom negotiations bogged down, and dumped their bodies in Valenzuela.

When asked to comment, Jaraza denied there was a crime wave in Quezon City and explained that the incidents of the last few days were purely "coincidental."

"We have a high crime solution rate in Quezon City," Jaraza said. "It's just that it is easier to commit such acts here because of the wide roads."

Coching's komiks

KOMIKS as popular culture will be showcased in the exhibition of Francisco V. Coching's works opening today (6:30 p.m.) at the Cultural Center of the Philippines. The book KOMIKS: Katha at Guhit ni Francisco V. Coching will be launched in the show that will last until Nov. 30.

Lethal injection won't do

By Agnes Donato

MAKE them suffer a slow, painful death.

This was what the father of a 10-year-old girl, who was gang-raped and killed in Marikina, asked for his daughter's assailants.

Benjamin Suyo, 44, said he did not want the suspects in the brutal killing of his daughter, Ma. Cristina, to just die by lethal injection, saying it would be too easy a death for them.

"I want their skins to be peeled off from their body and to have salt sprinkled on their flesh until they bleed to death," the anguished father said.

Ma. Cristina left home on the evening of Oct. 5 and was found inside a black garbage bag dumped in an open canal the following morning.

Her body bore at least 11 stab wounds.

She was the youngest of four siblings.

Suyo said his family members were all torn into pieces when they found out that their "bunso" had been killed in such a savage, cold-blooded manner.

"My wife cried unabashedly all day and night after hearing the news. But I told her to keep herself together and reserve her energy for our fight for justice," Suyo said.

He vowed that he and his family would never agree to whatever amicable settlement the suspects might offer.

One of the suspects, Melvin Arazola, 25, had reportedly settled a previous rape case with the family of his 11-year-old victim two years ago.

Arazola earlier confessed to investigators that he raped and twice stabbed the girl. He also implicated his drinking buddy, Ferdinand Miranda, 25, who he said raped the girl twice and stabbed her 11 times.

Aside from Arazola and Miranda, police also filed charges of rape with homicide against Cesar, Noel, Rizaldy and Claro, all Arazolas; Allan Gepiga, and Richel Miranda, Ferdinand's nephew.

A preliminary investigation of the case has been set today at the Marikina Prosecutor's Office.

The eight suspects are now detained at the Marikina City jail.

Imelda still Star of the Shoe

By Agnes Donato

MRS. MARCOS, in this file photo, displays one of her expensive footwear during prayer at the San Agustin Church in Intramuros

THANKS to her world-famous shoe horde, former First Lady Imelda Marcos has remained a star attraction.

The local government of Marikina City, the shoe capital of the Philippines, has acquired another batch of 579 pairs of shoes previously owned by the former First Lady to display at the Footwear Museum.

The additional shoes would be temporarily housed with the first 200 pairs of footwear at the museum in Barangay San Roque.

Mrs. Marcos, who donated 25 other pairs from her private collection, was approached by local officials for supposedly having inspired the country's finest shoemakers.

More than half of the former First Lady's controversial 3,000-pair shoe collection was reportedly made in Marikina City.

The Footwear Museum, Asia's first shoe museum, was formally opened last February. It was conceptualized by then Marikina City first lady Marides Fernando, who has succeeded her husband as city mayor.

Mrs. Marcos' shoes were the main attraction of the museum, which also showcased soft leather moccasins, sandals, boots, shiny high heels, strappy pumps and the black canvas espradilles she wore when the Marcos family fled to Hawaii during the 1986 uprising.

The museum also housed traditional shoes from different countries, as well as footwear from President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, former Presidents Ferdinand Marcos and Fidel Ramos, some senators and athletes.

Mayor Fernando was also planning to open a Filipiniana museum at the Philippine National Building in Barangay Sta. Elena, where some of these shoes would be transferred for exhibition.

Those mindless Maranaos

ON TARGET

Ramon Tulfo

HUNDREDS of Maranaos—Muslims from Lanao del Norte and Lanao del Sur—have volunteered to go to Afghanistan to fight with the ruling Taliban.

Those Maranaos are dumb! What the hell will they fight for—terrorism?

Kung sino pa yung pinakaduwag na tribu ng Muslim *sa Pilipinas yun pa ang nagtapang-tapangan*!

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Unlike the Tausogs, Maguindanaos and Yakans, the Maranaos are not known for being warriors.

The Tausogs are Muslims from Sulu and Tawi-Tawi, the Maguindanaos from Cotabato and the Yakans from Basilan. These Muslim tribes are known for their fierceness.

The Maranaos, on the other hand, are known for being traders. A Maranao could sell you Jones Bridge.

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But all Muslims have kinship with fellow Muslims anywhere in the world — be they Filipino, Indonesian, Malaysian or Arab. In all likelihood, a Muslim will side with a fellow Muslim who gets into a tiff with a Christian, whether that fellow Muslim is right or wrong.

Look at the Sept. 11 attacks at the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon in Washington, DC.

On the surface, most governments of Muslim countries condemn the cowardly act because they fear of condemnations from the civilized world. But inwardly, most of these leaders rejoice at the death of the "infidels."

While Yasser Arafat conveyed his message of sympathy to the United States, many of his Palestinian followers were dancing like monkeys in the streets.

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Surveys conducted by the prestigious Social Weather Stations showed that the reputations of Sen. Panfilo Lacson and First Gentleman Jose Miguel Arroyo were "badly damaged" by negative publicity arising from allegations of corruptions.

But the difference between Ping Lacson and Mike Arroyo is that Lacson is a government official while Arroyo is a civilian.

Another difference is that the allegations against Lacson—kidnapping for ransom, drug trafficking, murder—are very serious. The charges against Arroyo is, at most, influence-peddling.

Influence peddling—if the charges against Arroyo has any basis at all—is not a crime.

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Mike Arroyo's only fault or crime is that he happens to be the husband of the President of the Philippines who has natural enemies among the opposition.

By hitting at the First Gentleman, like what Lacson has done, he's also hitting at the center of power, Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo. So, Lacson hits two birds with one stone.

Mike Arroyo, who tries to be as low-key as possible, is in a very unenviable position. Nobody would want to swap places with him.

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It looks like I was had on my items about Lt. Gen. Jose Calimlim!

I talked with military intelligence chief Vic Corpus sometime last week about the capability of the Intelligence Service of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (Isafp) to bug phones during the unlamented Erap administration.

Corpus told me Isafp didn't have such capability. He said that Ping Lacson, the second most powerful man during Erap's time, got all the Isafp people who had the bugging knowhow, as well as the bugging devices of Isafp. (Just recently, charges related to these bugging devices were filed against Lacson and his men with the Ombudsman).

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What did that mean? That General Calimlim couldn't have ordered the tapping of the phone of former Customs Commissioner Nelson Tan because he didn't have the wherewithal.

Tsk, tsk, tsk!

But I got the info that Tan's phone was bugged by the Isafp, that's why they were able to know his movements. The Isafp guy said they knew Nelson Tan was going to The Fort to have a tryst with his girlfriend. Tan's Pajero was stolen while he was having a snack with his girlfriend in one of the restaurants at The Fort.

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If the Isafp that Calimlim headed at the time didn't do the bugging on Tan's phone, then who did?

Probably Isafp men detailed with Lacson.

Everything is now falling into place: They pointed to Calimlim so Lacson would not be blamed.

Calimlim and Lacson were at loggerheads. The two wanted to outdo each other and become closer to Erap.

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On hindsight, Calimlim won the first round. Erap appointed him to go after smugglers through Task Force Aduana. This took away from the Presidential Anti-Organized Crime Task Force (PAOCTF) that Lacson headed the power to apprehend smugglers. Lacson needed that power because, according to Colonel Corpus and his witnesses, he was involved in smuggling of drugs and other contraband.

Lacson, of course, didn't take that sitting down. Something had to be done to recover the power taken away from him and given to Calimlim.

So, Lacson's men most probably made me an unwitting tool to get back at Calimlim. After Tan's car was stolen, the Isafp guy either detailed with Lacson or loyal to him fed me the info about the supposed order by Calimlim to bug Tan.

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Lacson, of course, won round two. Calimlim was shot down from his anti-smuggling perch because he stepped on many toes of Erap's friends.

I should have gotten Calimlim's side before writing those column items. But I had a bad experience with him. When he was chief of the Presidential Security Group (PSG) during the time of President Ramos, he never returned my calls when I wanted to have an appointment with him.

I wanted to see him about the abuses committed by PSG soldiers against some civilians. I was doing that for my radio and TV program, Isumbong mo kay Tulfo.

***May pagka-arogante itong si* Calimlim.**

Now, can you blame me for not getting his side when I thought he was not disposed to return my calls?

Police admit . . .

(From page 19)

Also, the circuitous streets of Valenzuela's many villages allow kidnappers to exit the city and proceed to provinces farther up north, the police chief said, admitting that local police are finding it hard to prevent abductions in the area.

Ureña said areas that connect Valenzuela with Bulacan and Quezon City are usually unlit and rarely patrolled by police officers.

This is the reason why kidnappers could easily seize victims in the city or in outlying areas and escape without sweat, he said.

Last week, the bodies of Connie Wong, sister-in-law of Uratex owner Robert Cheng, and her policeman-bodyguard, were dumped in a dark, grassy area in Barangay Bignay north of Valenzuela.

Investigators said the area was a perfect dumping ground because it was far from the police nerve center.

At least four kidnapping incidents have occurred in sleepy Valenzuela and nearby cities and municipalities since last month.

Ureña said he would form a task force that would involve residents and civil societies in the campaign against kidnapping.

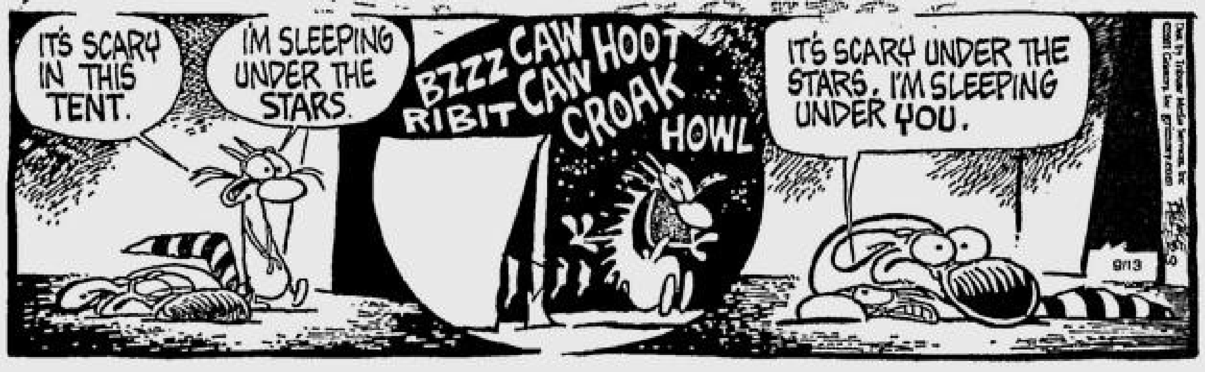
The local police would train at least 10 representatives from each of Valenzuela's 22 barangays on how to respond to abductions.

The representatives, along with a policeman, would be formed into "bantay bayan" teams to secure their respective barangays.

In a meeting with local government officials and police yesterday, Ureña said businessmen have offered to donate more police cars.

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

BY MIKE PETERS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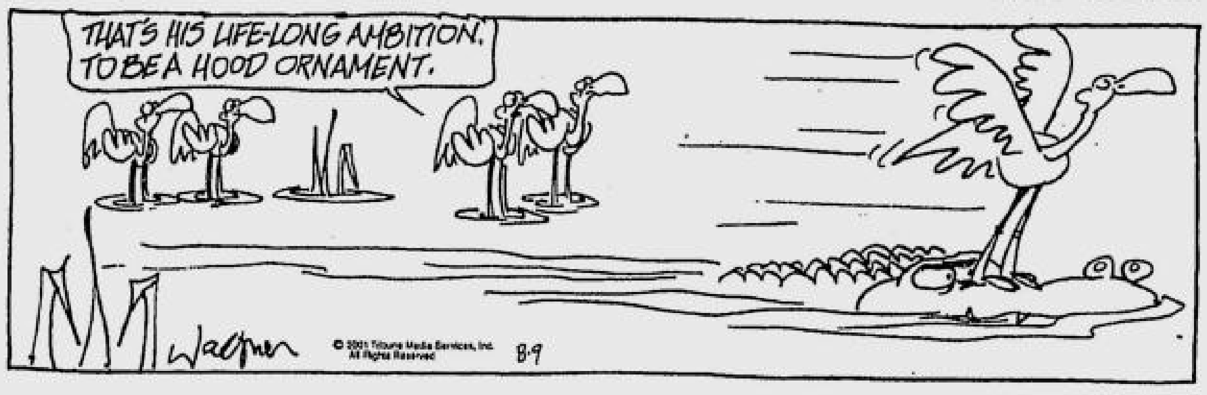
BY FRED WAGNER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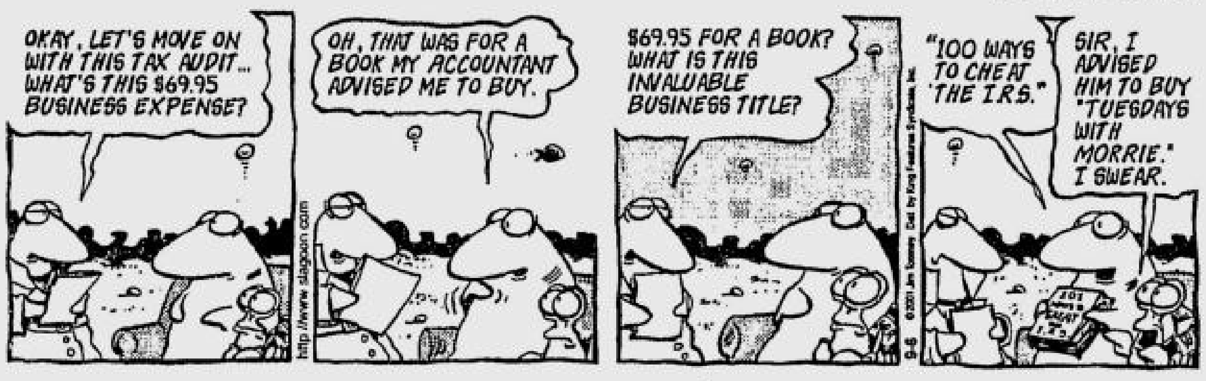
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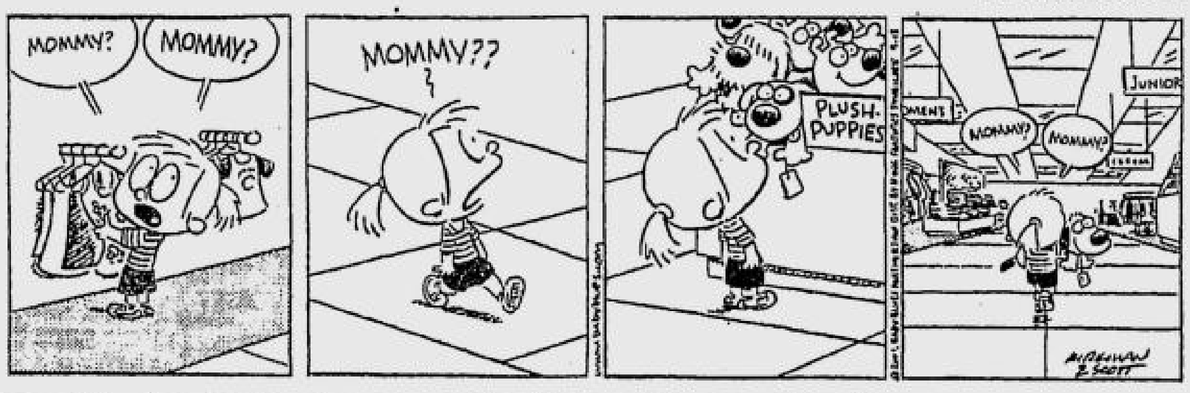
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BY EUGENIA LAST

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Happy Birthday: Recognition and success will be yours if you are open and honest. Showing your true colors and pizzazz will turn heads. Your numbers: 17, 23, 28, 31, 37, 44

ARIES (March 21-April 19): It may seem impossible to relax. A long, quiet walk alone would help you sort out your thoughts. Trouble is brewing at home, and you're wise to remain neutral.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Your mate enjoys being involved in your work. Mix business with pleasure to make a sweet deal. Disagreements with in-laws or relatives will put a damper on your day. Keep an open mind.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You're in the mood to spend money, but don't shop. Leave home with minimal funds and with friends to help foot the bill. Others can pay your way for a change.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't fret. It may be difficult to control your emotions, but your erratic behavior and mood swings will confuse others and cause tension. Don't take frustrations out on loved ones.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Travel will be exciting and introduce you to interesting people and stimulating conversation. Enhance your appearance to entice potential partners. Look to good friends for honest answers.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't say too much or divulge personal information. Problems with the government or large corporations are apparent. Anger may cause grief; control your temper and be patient.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Spend time alone, reading a good book or just kicking back. Misunderstandings will cause confusion and upset, and family squabbles will upset your digestion. You have to make some serious decisions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): It's time to stop dreaming. You can make money if you go out on a limb, but don't spend much of your own cash in the process.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Hold your ground and refuse to be railroaded into fast-cash schemes or joint ventures. You see red when someone else costs you dearly. People trying to entice you will be untrustworthy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your determination and desire to succeed will pay off. However, don't neglect your family to make a few extra dollars. Remember your priorities.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Postpone important business meetings and re-evaluate your position. Moving too quickly may cause you to miss out on an even better offer. Focus on making constructive improvements to your environment and state of mind.

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Birthday Baby: You are colorful, dramatic and energetic. You are always into something new and will entertain everyone around you. You are challenging, outgoing and quick to learn.

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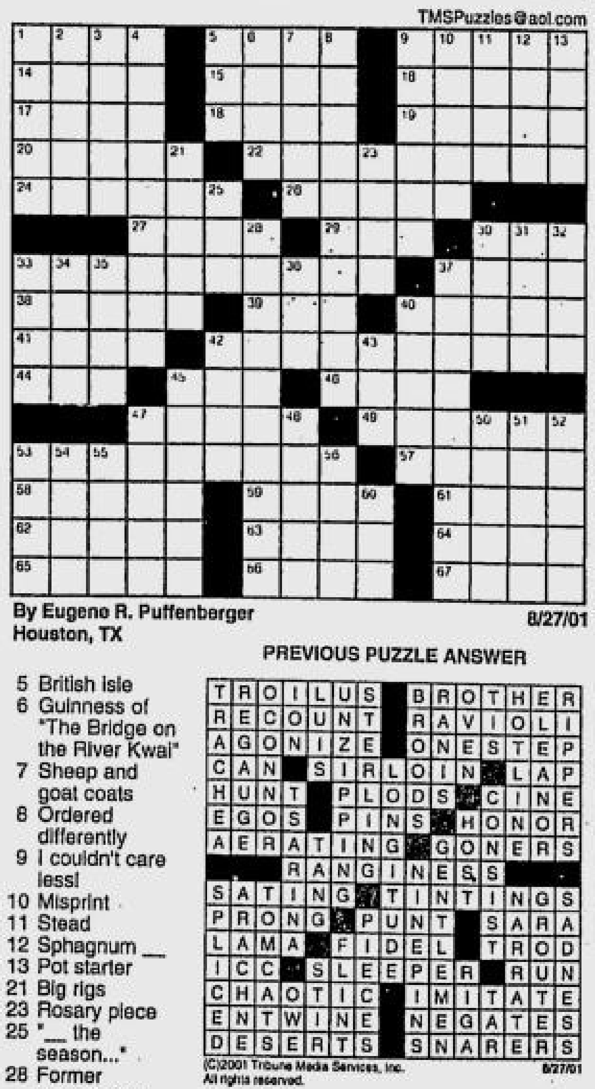

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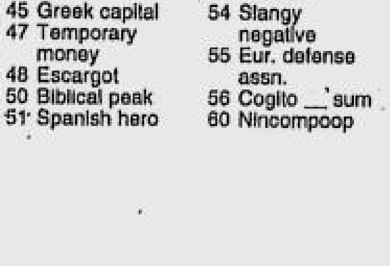

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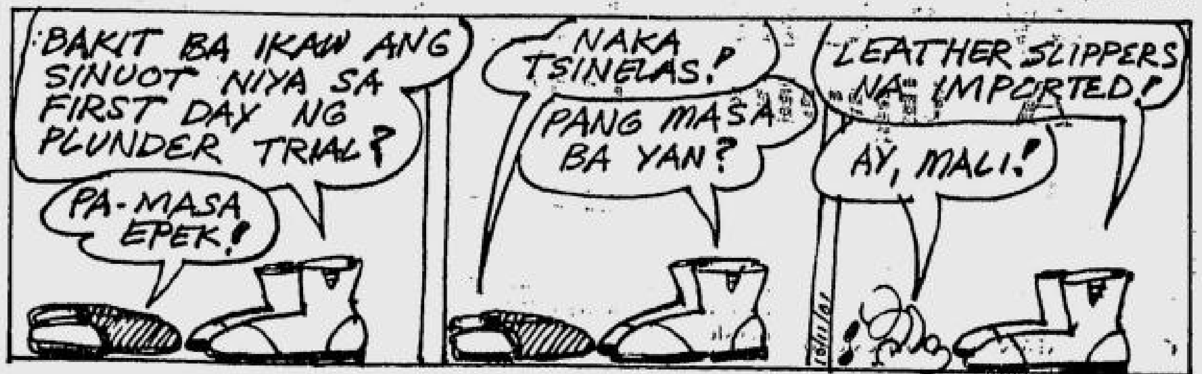
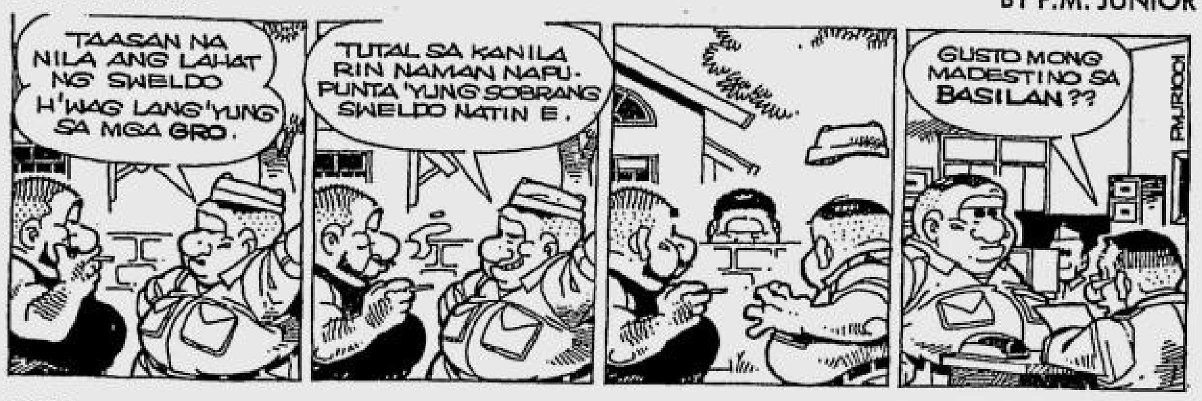
A. LIPIN

BY JESS ABRERA


BAKIT BA IKAW ANG SINUOT NIYA SA FIRST DAY NG PLUNDER TRIAL?
PA-MASA EPEK!
NAKA TSINELAS?
PANG MASA BA YAN?
LEATHER SLIPPERS NA IMPORTED!
AY, MALI!

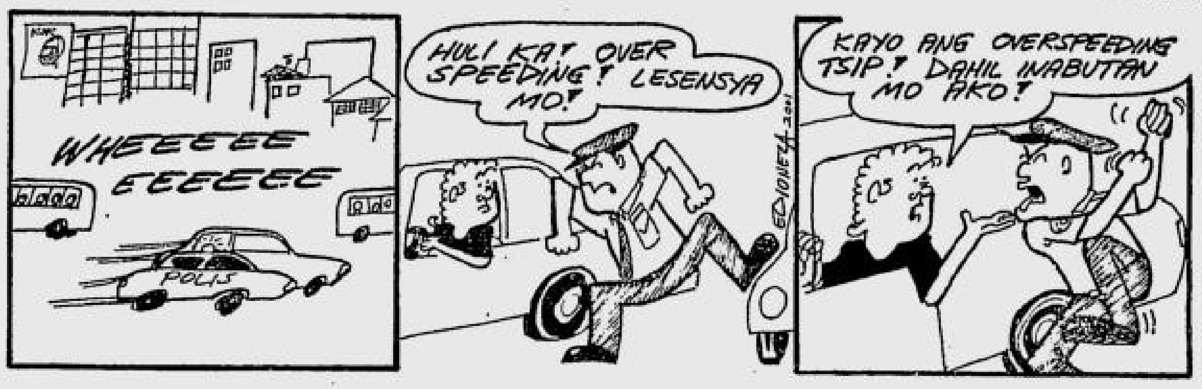
PUGAD BABOY

BY P.M. JUNIOR


TAASAN NA NILA ANG LAHAT NG SWELDO H'WAG LANG 'YUNG SA MGA GRO.
TUTAL SA KANILA RIN NAMAN NAPUPUNTA 'YUNG SOBRANG SWELDO NATIN E.
GUSTO MONG MADESTINO SA BASILAN??
PMJR

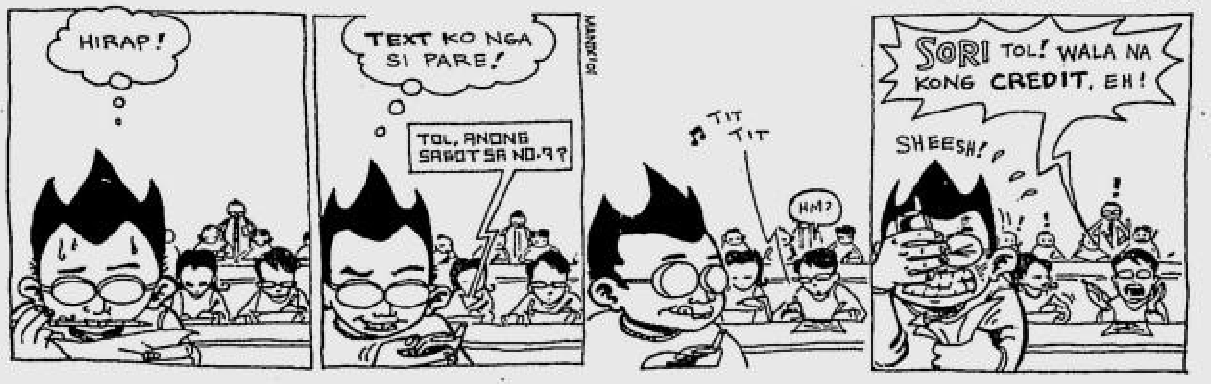
SIMO

BY EDGAR DIONELA


WHEEEEEE EEEEEEE
POLIS
HULI KA! OVER SPEEDING! LESENSYA MO!
EDIONELA 2001
KAYO ANG OVERSPEEDING TSIP! DAHIL INABUTAN MO AKO!

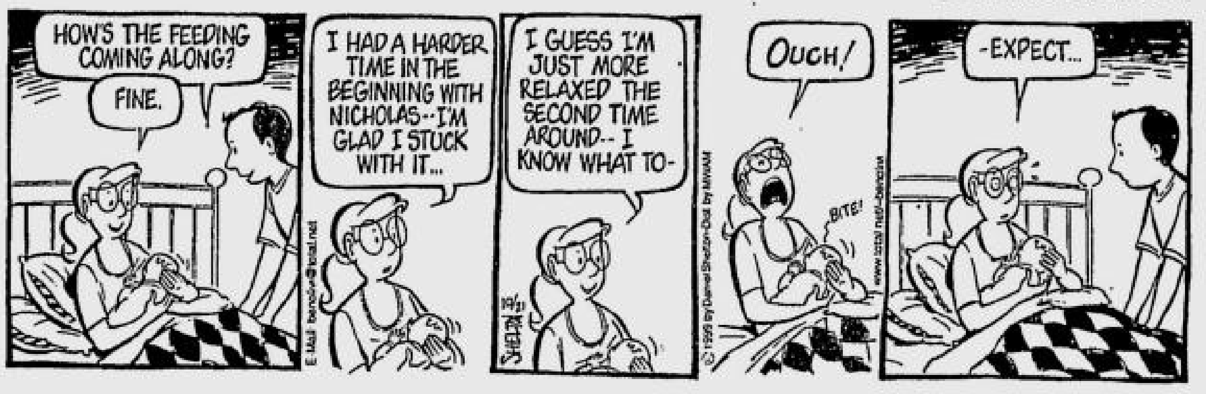
GARAPATA BLOOD

BY JOHN PAUL/BENG/MANIX


HIRAP!
TEXT KO NGA SI PARE!
TOL, ANONG SAGOT SA NO. 9?
TIT TIT
HM?
SORI TOL! WALA NA KONG CREDIT, EH!
SHEESH!

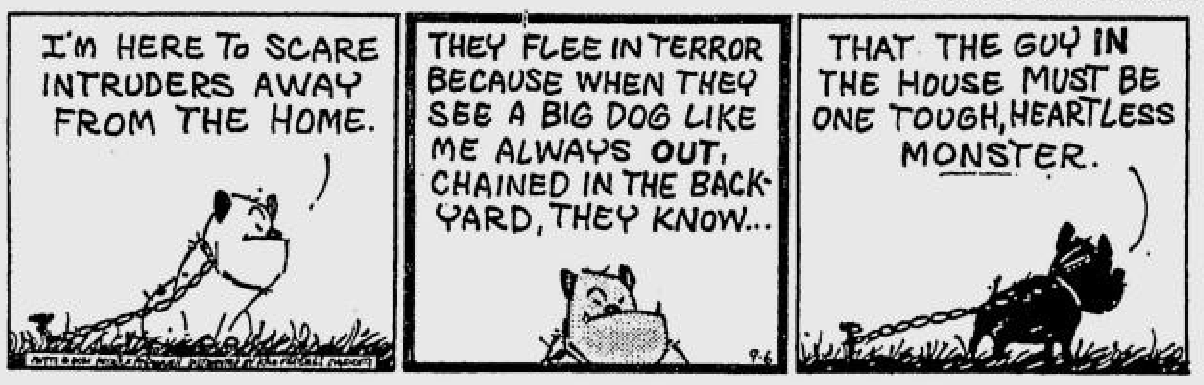
BEN

BY DANIEL SHELTON


HOW'S THE FEEDING COMING ALONG?
FINE.
I HAD A HARDER TIME IN THE BEGINNING WITH NICHOLAS--I'M GLAD I STUCK WITH IT...
I GUESS I'M JUST MORE RELAXED THE SECOND TIME AROUND-- I KNOW WHAT TO-
OUCH!
BITE!
-EXPECT...

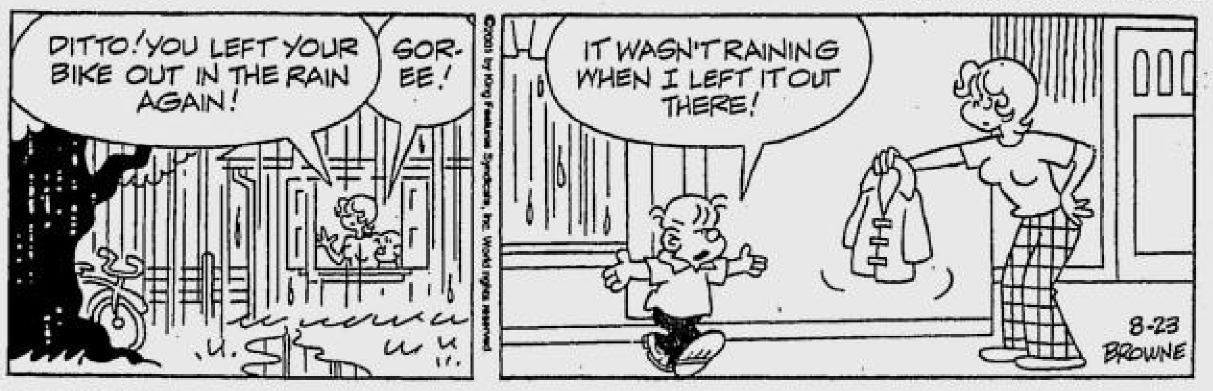
MUTTS

BY PATRICK McDONNELL


I'M HERE TO SCARE INTRUDERS AWAY FROM THE HOME.
THEY FLEE IN TERROR BECAUSE WHEN THEY SEE A BIG DOG LIKE ME ALWAYS OUT, CHAINED IN THE BACKYARD, THEY KNOW...
THAT THE GUY IN THE HOUSE MUST BE ONE TOUGH, HEARTLESS MONSTER.
9-6

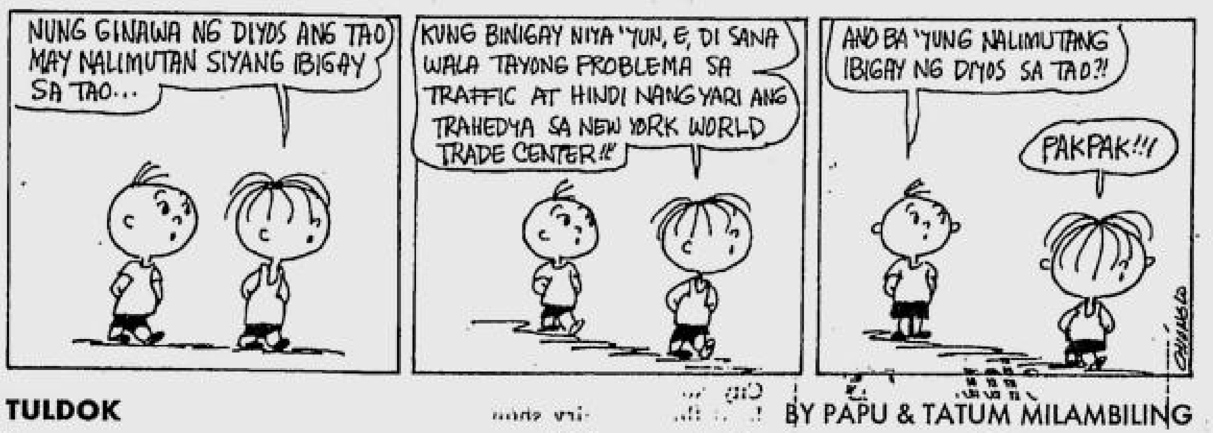
HI AND LOIS

BY BRIAN & GREG WALKER


DITTO! YOU LEFT YOUR BIKE OUT IN THE RAIN AGAIN!
SORREE!
IT WASN'T RAINING WHEN I LEFT IT OUT THERE!
8-23
BROWNE

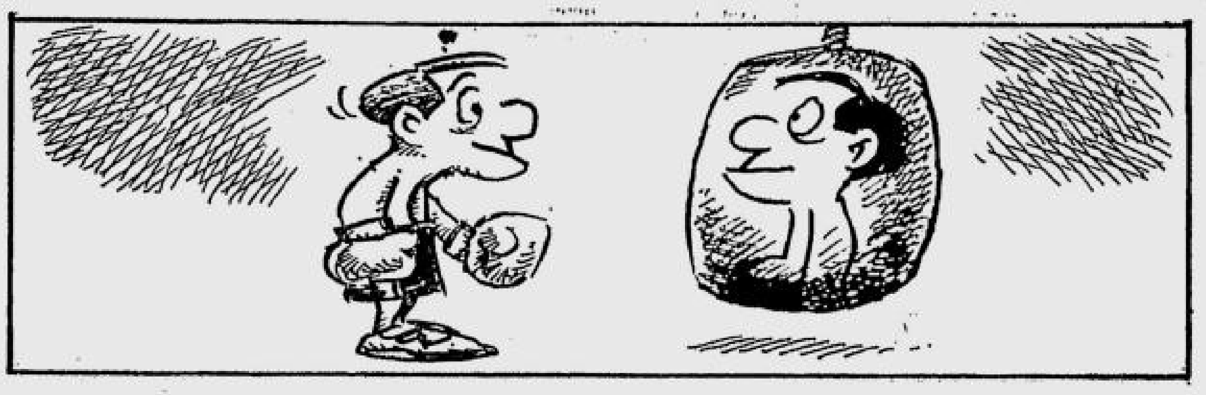
LOVEKNOTS

BY ELIZABETH CHIONGLO


NUNG GINAWA NG DIYOS ANG TAO MAY NALIMUTAN SIYANG IBIGAY SA TAO...
KUNG BINIGAY NIYA 'YUN, E, DI SANA WALA TAYONG PROBLEMA SA TRAFFIC AT HINDI NANGYARI ANG TRAHEDYA SA NEW YORK WORLD TRADE CENTER!!
ANO BA 'YUNG NALIMUTANG IBIGAY NG DIYOS SA TAO?!
PAKPAK!!!
CHIONGLO

TULDOK

BY PAPU & TATUM MILAMBILING



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TUTUBAN 2514032

1	13 DAYS
2	SISID
3	SANGGANO'T SANGGAGO
4	MARITAL RAPE

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CITY NORTH EDSA 9295452

1	MARITAL RAPE
2	THE HOLE
3	SANGGANO'T SANGGAGO
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5	AMERICA'S SWEEETHEARTS
6	13 DAYS
7	OSSMOSIS JONES
8	HARD DAY'S NIGHT
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SOUTHMALL 8066888

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2	LAST ERUPTION
3	13 DAYS
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10	MARITAL RAPE

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1	MARITAL RAPE
2	SANGGANO'T SANGGAGO
3	SISID

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1	PRINCESS DIARIES
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7	ORIGINAL SIN

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6	PRINCESS DIARIES
7	CLOSED
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2	ST. FRANCISVILLE
3	PRINCESS DIARIES
4	SISID
5	BASAGAN NG MUKHA
6	SANGGANO'T SANGGAGO

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2	OSMOSIS JONES
3	SANGGANO'T SANGGAGO
4	MARITAL RAPE

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3	13 DAYS THX	in DSD/SDDS/DTS DIGITAL SOUND
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5	HARD DAYS NIGHT (Limited Release)	in DOLBY DIGITAL SOUND
6	AMERICA'S SWEETHEARTS	in DTS/SDDS DIGITAL SOUND
7	THE HOLE	in DTS DIGITAL SOUND

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1	OSMOSIS JONES	in DOLBY STEREO DIGITAL SOUND
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2	AMERICA'S SWEETHEARTS	in DSD DOLBY DIGITAL SOUND
3	OSMOSIS JONES	in DTS DIGITAL SOUND
4	HEART BREAKERS	in DTS DIGITAL SOUND
5	THE HOLE	in DTS DIGITAL SOUND

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4 GOLD (DTS)	OSMOSIS JONES
5 GOLD (DOLBY)	THE HOLE
6 GOLD (SDDS)	13 DAYS
7 GOLD (DOLBY)	13 DAYS
8	SANGGANO'T SANGGAGO
9	MARITAL RAPE
10	LAST ERUPTION

Pearl Plaza Cinemas (Parañaque) tel. 853.4486

1	
2	
3 (DTS)	ORIGINAL SIN
4	
5	
6 (DTS)	

Golden Pearl THX

Masagana CINEMA 2000 (Pasay) tel 831.6603

1	SANGGANO'T SANGGAGO
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3	MARITAL RAPE

starmall Movies (Shaw Blvd.) tel 724.4986

1	SANGGANO'T SANGGAGO
2	MARITAL RAPE
3	HULI SA AKTO
4 (DOLBY DIGITAL)	13 DAYS
5	SISID

METROPOLIS star (Alabang) tel 543.4001

1	SISID
2	HULI SA AKTO
3	MARITAL RAPE
4	SANGGANO'T SANGGAGO
5	OSMOSIS JONES
6	13 DAYS
7	RESERVE
8	RESERVE

PREMIERE CINEMA THX (Makati City) tel 751.2011 to13

1	13 DAYS

Center Plaza Cinema (Balanga, Bataan) tel (047) 237.7007

1	LA VIDA ROSA
2	ENEMY AT THE GATES

FCM FAIRVIEW CENTER MALL, INC. tel 930.9515

1	RESERVE
2	PLAYING WITH FIRE
3	LAST ERUPTION

Spring (Libertad, Pasay City) tel 831.7864

1	HULI SA AKTO
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Sunshine (FTI, Taguig) tel 838.4301 loc. 3376

1	SANGGANO'T SANGGAGO
2	RESERVE
3	RESERVE
4	RESERVE

GOTESCO CINEMA

City (Manila) tel 734.8588

1 (DOLBY)	SANGGANO'T SANGGAGO
2	THE HOLE
3	LAST ERUPTION
4	SISID
5	HULI SA AKTO
6	MARITAL RAPE
7 (DTS)	OSMOSIS JONES
8 (SDDS)	AMERICA'S SWEETHEARTS
9 (DOLBY)	13 DAYS

Caloocan tel 362.3508

2	SANGGANO'T SANGGAGO

Grand Central (Caloocan) tel 364.3781

1	SANGGANO'T SANGGAGO
2	SANGGANO'T SANGGAGO
3	MARITAL RAPE
4 (SDDS)	LAST ERUPTION
5	HULI SA AKTO
6 (DOLBY)	SISID
7 (DTS)	OSMOSIS JONES
8	LA VIDA ROSA
9	RESERVE

Commonwealth tel 951.0083

1 (DTS)	OSMOSIS JONES
2	SANGGANO'T SANGGAGO
3	MARITAL RAPE
4	HULI SA AKTO
5 (SDDS)	13 DAYS
6	LAST ERUPTION
7 (DOLBY)	THE HOLE
8	SISID

Ortigas tel 656.6795

1	SANGGANO'T SANGGAGO
2	SISID
3 (DTS)	HULI SA AKTO
4	MARITAL RAPE
5 (SDDS)	OSMOSIS JONES

Universal (Manila) tel 733.2470

1	SANGGANO'T SANGGAGO

Sampaquita (Cubao) tel 911.7888

1	HULI SA AKTO

Dilson (Manila) tel 734.7724

Dilson	HULI SA AKTO
Lords	MARITAL RAPE
Jennet	

MARKETPLACE Mandaluyong tel 533.3851 / 533.3856

1	THE HOLE
2	SANGGANO'T SANGGADO
3	OSMOSIS JONES

Prima (Pasig) tel 641.1215

3	SANGGANO'T SANGGAGO

Isetann Cinerama Complex Recto SUPER CINERAMA tel 733.4238

1 (DOLBY)	SANGGANO'T SANGGAGO
2	13 DAYS
3	HULI SA AKTO
4	MARITAL RAPE
5	OSMOSIS JONES

New Divisoria Mall DIVISORIA CINEMA tel 244.4619

1	SANGGANO'T SANGGAGO
2	MARITAL RAPE
3	LAST ERUPTION
4	RESERVE
5	RESERVE
6	HULI SA AKTO

Baclaran LRT LRT CINEMA tel 512.0115

1 (DOLBY)	RESERVE
2	SANGGANO'T SANGGAGO
3	MARITAL RAPE

Berma tel 879.2029

1	HULI SA AKTO
2	SANGGANO'T SANGGAGO

CitiMall (Parañaque) tel 820.7269

1	SANGGANO'T SANGGAGO
2	RESERVE
3	RESERVE
4	RESERVE

CINEMA 2000

Cinema 2000 Target Mall (Sta. Rosa Laguna) tel (049) 534.2185 / 534.2198

1	MARITAL RAPE
2	SANGGANO'T SANGGAGO
3 (DTS)	AMERICA'S SWEETHEARTS

Cinema 2000 Waltermart (Calamba) tel (049) 545.7383

1	ST. FRANCISVILLE
2 (DTS)	SANGGANO'T SANGGAGO
3 (DOLBY)	AMERICA'S SWEETHEARTS
4	MARITAL RAPE

Cinema 2000 Pavilion Mall (Biñan) tel (049) 411.1146

1	SANGGANO'T SANGGAGO
2 (DOLBY)	AMERICA'S SWEETHEARTS
3 (DTS)	ST. FRANCISVILLE
4	MARITAL RAPE

Cinemagix (Urdaneta) tel(075) 568.6771

1	FAST & FURIOUS
2	SISID
3	SOON TO OPEN
4	SOON TO OPEN

Lianas Cinema (Alabang) tel 850.1276

1 (SDDS)	13 DAYS
2	LAST ERUPTION
3	MARITAL RAPE
4 (DTS)	SANGGANO'T SANGGAGO

Lianas MovieCity (Calamba) tel (049) 545.7202

1 (DOLBY)	ST. FRANCISVILLE
2	SANGGANO'T SANGGAGO
3 (DTS)	MARITAL RAPE
4	SISID
5	REGING FORCE

Olivarez Tri-Cinema (Biñan) tel (049) 511.8883

1	SANGGANO'T SANGGAGO
2	ST. FRANCISVILLE
3	MARITAL RAPE

Olivarez Los Baños tel (049) 536.5101

1	SANGGANO'T SANGGAGO
2	AMERICA'S SWEETHEARTS
3	MARITAL RAPE

Olivarez Tagaytay tel (046) 413.0311

1	RUSH HOUR 2
2	SCARY MOVIE
3	SEX MEDUSA

Morales Cinema (Biñan) tel (049) 511.9736

1	SANGGANO'T SANGGAGO
2	MARITAL RAPE
3	ST. FRANCISVILLE

Cabuyao (Laguna City) tel (049) 531.4808

1 (DTS)	SANGGANO'T SANGGAGO
2 (DTS)	MARITAL RAPE

Fourstep (Cavite) tel (046) 416.2385

1	SANGGANO'T SANGGAGO

Emperor (Rosario Cavite) tel (046) 438.1657

1	ENEMY AT THE GATES
2	SANGGANO'T SANGGAGO
3	SISID

Fiesta World Mall (Lipa) tel (043) 981.0790

1	BUKAS BABAHA NG DUGO
2	ST. FRANCISVILLE
3	HEART BREAKER
4	FAST & FURIOUS

Jade Cinema (Angeles City) tel (045) 887.5001 to 03

1 (DOLBY EX)	AMERICA'S SWEETHEARTS
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ERMITA 538-7808 TO 12

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3	LAST ERUPTION
4	OSMOSIS JONES
5	SANGGANO'T SANGGAGO
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7	HARD DAY'S NIGHT

NOVALICHES 935-3229 TO 31

1	RESERVE
2	OSMOSIS JONES
3	LAST ERUPTION
4	OSMOSIS JONES
5	AMERICA'S SWEETHEARTS
6	RESERVE
7	13 DAYS
8	SANGGANO'T SANGGAGO

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1	13 DAYS
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3	AMERICA'S SWEETHEARTS
4	SANGGANO'T SANGGAGO
5	MARITAL RAPE
6	SISID

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1	PRINCESS DIARIES
2	ORIGINAL SIN
3	ST. FRANCISVILLE
4	FINDING FORRESTER
5	LA VIDA ROSA
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ALI MALL CINEPLEX-5 (DTS)	OSMOSIS JONES
ALI MALL CINEPLEX-6 (DOLBY)	LAST ERUPTION
ALI MALL CINEPLEX-7 (DOLBY)	THE HOLE
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CINEMA-3	SANGGANO'T SANGGAGO
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CINEMA-6	MARITAL RAPE
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CINEMA-8	HULI SA AKTO
CINEMA-9 (DTS)	OSMOSIS JONES
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CINEMA-15	SANGGANO'T SANGGAGO
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CINEMA-3	CLOSED
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IMBRUGLIA

Imbruglia launches latest single

POP music will take a different turn today when one of its biggest icons, Natalie Imbruglia, launches her latest single, "That Day," culled from her new album, "White Lilies Island."

Listen to radio stations 89.9 Magic, RX 93.1, 93.9 KC-FM, 96.3 W-Rock, 97.1 dwLS-FM, 99.5 dwRT, The Hive 100.3, 103.5 K-Lite and NU 107, 7 a.m. today for the Philippine premiere of the single.

It has been nearly three years since Imbruglia sang her way to the hearts of music fans with her debut album, "Left of the Middle," which spawned such hits as "Big Mistake," "Smoke" and the worldwide anthem, "Torn."

For many artists, the mantra is "success at any price." Were they lucky enough to have a debut single which four years ago came out of nowhere to seduce the entire pop-loving world, they would have hung on to its coat tails for dear life.

By now, it's likely that we've heard way too much of them. And each successive offering would have been a paler, more plaintive version of the track that first brought them musical fortune and fame.

The magic would have been lost. Happily, though, Natalie is not many artists.

Instead, she is an individual, strong in her convictions and determinedly true, both to herself and to others.

She could have ridden the wave of success to infinity—tour until there was nowhere left to play; promote every track of the debut album "Left of the Middle" until there was nothing else left to release. But that just isn't her style.

Natalie's second album, "White Lilies Island," is the sound of a grown-up artist who is secure in her abilities and who has lived and loved enough to have something worthwhile to say.

"My hope is that I sound comfortable with myself," says Natalie. "I can't do Britney. I can't just bounce out there and do happy pop. Writing is a much more instinctive thing for me.

"The people who made me want to do this in the first place—women like Joni Mitchell and Shawn Colvin—draw on what has happened to them in life, turning the specific into the universal. I'm big on that, too."

"White Lilies Island" will be in music stores Nov. 5, released locally by BMG Records Pilipinas.

Bojo Molina says he has zero lovelife

DOLLYWOOD

Dolly Anne Carvajal

I HAD a blast recently with **Bojo Molina** and his best friend **Albert** in their bar Friends at St. Francis Square.

I teased Bojo. "So who's your official girlfriend?"

He grinned, "Believe it or not, my lovelife is zero! *Nakatatak na yata sa akin na* ex-boyfriend *ako ni* **Rica Peralejo**. Ha, ha, ha!"

Albert added, "Bojo and I are together everyday. I won't be surprised if people start making up stories and say that we are lovers. Ha, ha, ha! Seriously now, its better to stay single! Less headaches!"

I second the emotion, dudes

Just asking

- MY MOM confirmed to me that **Nora Aunor** told her a long time ago why she gave up on her foster daughter Matet.

La Aunor overhead Matet saying, "*Sana mamatay na* mommy *ko para makuha ko na* inheritance *ko*."

Guy reiterated this when she came out in "S-Files" last Sunday.

What can Matet possibly do to ease her Mama Guy's achy-breaky heart?

- A reader from Cebu e-mailed me this startling piece of news. "In addition to your article that **Vanessa del Bianco** and **John Estrada** are obviously so enamored with each other while in Cebu (opening of Ratsky's), they also stayed in the same hotel (Holiday Plaza Inn) in Cebu, but of course with the other "MTB" people.

"She stayed on the 3rd floor and he on the 4th. But when she rung housekeeping for a lighter why was she in John's room?

"Well, probably Vanessa wanted John to light her fire, huh?"

- Many people are wondering why **Bong Revilla** won best comedian for his TV sitcom "Idol Ko si Kap" in the recent Star Awards? Is he any funnier than **Bayani Agbayani** who was also nominated for the same award?

Although Bong may be doing a good job in his sitcom, his forte is action, not comedy. Was it just a comedy of errors?

- **Jacob Fernandez**, the talent manager of **Paolo Bediones** and **Maxine**, called me up to clarify what I wrote about his two wards living in.

Says Jacob, "It's true that Maxine was in Paolo's house way past midnight but I was also around and so were other friends. We just wanted to check out Paolo's place because it's newly renovated. We played billiards till morning."

But my informant insists that she really smells something fishy. I'll fish for more juicy info.

Meanwhile, which version is half-true and half-false? The guessing game continues. Make a wild guess. As wild as can be!

Cinderella's ball

MY favorite clothing store Cinderella will unveil its newest line of U2 apparel tomorrow, Friday, Oct 12, 12 noon at their Megamall branch. They will feature live mannequins so that would really be such a visual spectacle.

Cinderella really is a trendsetter nonpareil. See ya there!

P.S. Special thanks to my good friend **Joey Coronel** of Cinderella for making my birthday more than just happy. *Mille Grazie* also to my immortal friend **Richie Coronel Santos** for the warm birthday sentiments!

'What Women Really Want'

I'M inviting all women out there to come to the very interesting symposium of my Born Again Christian family (Metro Manila Christian Church) called "What Women Really Want," this Sunday, Oct. 14, 5 p.m. at the Cuneta Astrodome. Admission is free.

Believe me, Jesus is the Man who would more than make up for all the loves you have ever lost and ever hope to find.

Catch you on Sunday, alright?

For feedback, e-mail *wateringhole2000@yahoo.com*

CEBU GIG

R&B band Time and a Half will visit Cebu on Oct. 12 and 13 and give Cebuanos a unique kind of entertainment from 93.1 Crossover Cebu and Jukebox Bar. The show, "Jukebox Jive Live," will feature choice crossover classic, R&B and dance tunes at Jukebox Bar in Archibishop Reyes st., Cebu City. The party starts 9 p.m. The show is presented by Cebu Pacific and Smart Communications.

Weekend bar tour in Makati and QC

THE MILD Seven models are set to check out the hottest places in town this weekend.

Tomorrow night, Oct. 12, the team will play the "Mild Seven Dares" game in Makati night spots—Hard Rock Café, Cable Car Glorietta, Windows Café, Che Cigar, Stars Venue, Cork and Struan and Tang's.

On Saturday, Oct. 13, Mild Seven will give away caps, lighters, shirts and more items as they hang out in Quezon City—Bargo, Blue Onion, Cactus, Padi's Point, Famous Mike's, Grilla, Katips, Giligans, WhistleStop, Pier One and Macau.

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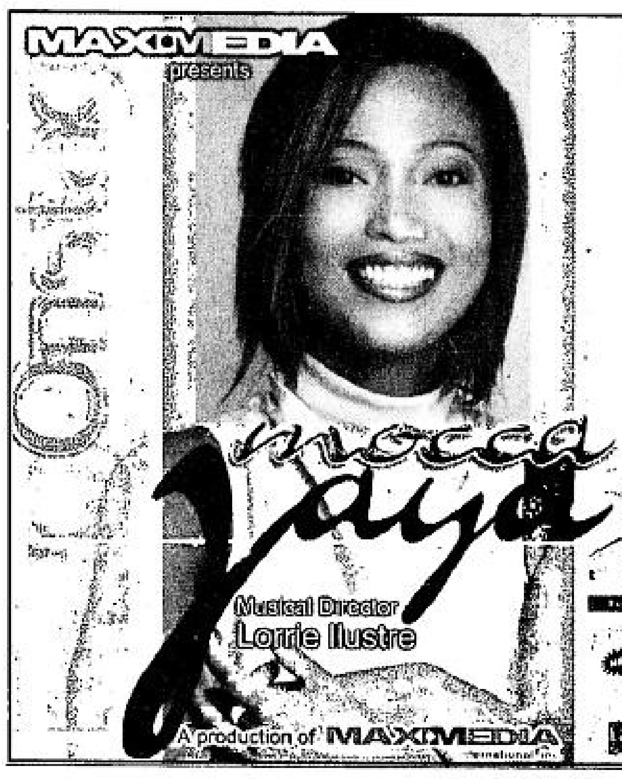

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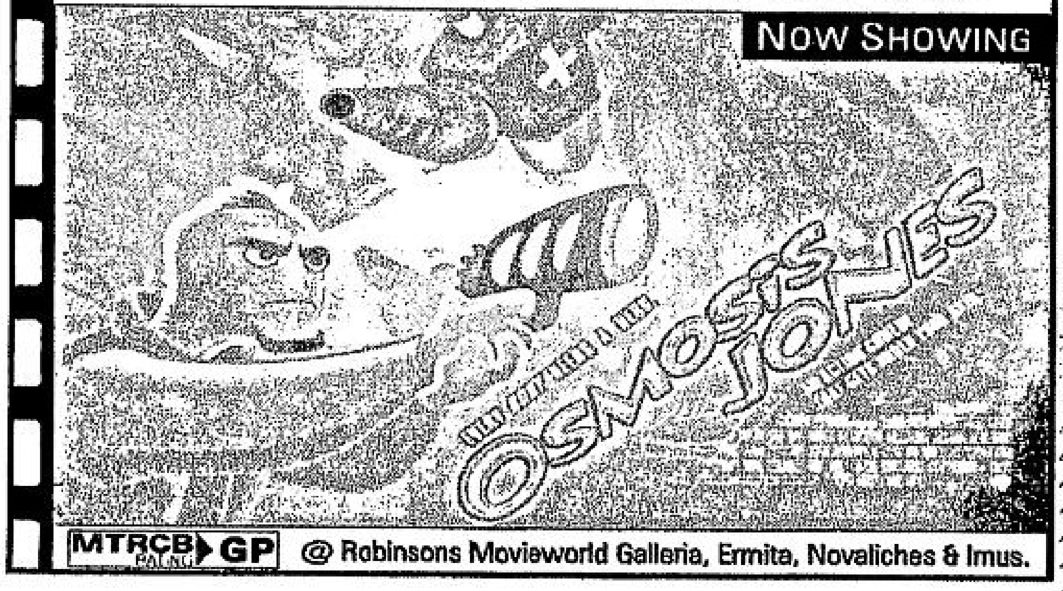

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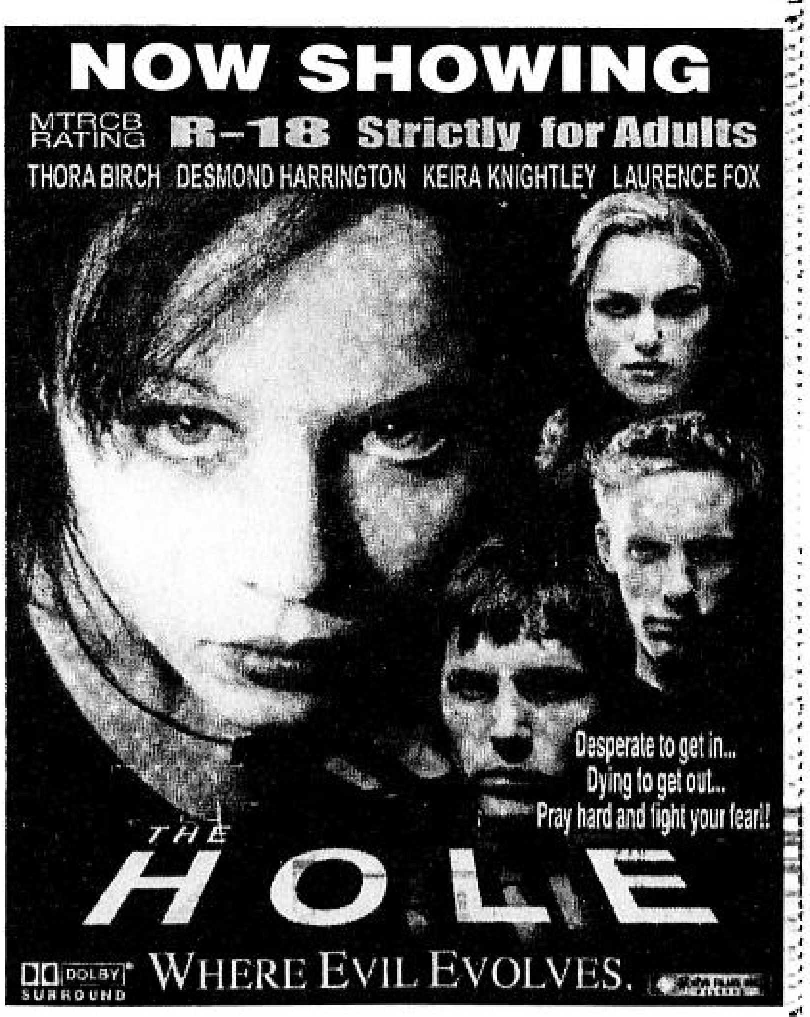

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ENTERTAINMENT

LOUIE C. CAMINO, Editor

'AMERICA'S SWEETHEARTS'

A star-powered piece that earns giggles and smiles

BY PAUL Y. DAZA

REVIEW

THE ROMANTIC-comedy "America's Sweethearts," starring Julia Roberts, Catherine Zeta-Jones, John Cusack, and Billy Crystal, is a sweet confection guaranteed to divert you temporarily from all the horrible things happening in the world. It's a star-powered piece of fluff that celebrates and takes potshots at our love affair with movie star couples, earning much-desired giggles and smiles throughout its 90 minutes.

Though "Sweethearts" isn't as romantic or as charming as the blockbuster "Notting Hill" (it's obvious template), it has enough misunderstandings, gags and surprises to attract a sizable audience.

"America's Sweethearts" is the story of a soon-to-be-divorced Hollywood love team—Eddie Thomas (John Cusack) and Gwen Harrison (Catherine Zeta-Jones)—who must spend a weekend schmoozing with the entertainment press to promote their latest movie together. They do this only because the flicks they've done without the other have all failed miserably, and they desperately need a hit.

Complicating things is Eddie's desire to reconcile with Gwen, who is now involved with a hotheaded Spaniard (Hank Azaria). Eddie must also deal with his attraction to Gwen's sister Kiki (Julia Roberts), who has been secretly in love with him for years.

Billy Crystal provides priceless comic relief as the veteran Hollywood publicist who will stoop to unimaginable depths just to sell the latest Gwen-Eddie movie.

One of the selling points of "America's Sweethearts" is the sight of an overweight Julia Roberts in two brief flashbacks. If you've ever wondered what Julia Roberts would look like 50 pounds overweight and wolfing down a pile of yummy pancakes, wonder no more. The Oscar-winning actress stretches her range by playing Zeta-Jones' unappreciated sister/assistant, and one of the best scenes has Roberts doing her impression of her prima donna, movie star sister.

If you're the kind of fan who just wants to see Julia looking glamorous and flashing her $20-million smile, don't fret because there's lots of that, too.

LEAD stars John Cusack and Julia Roberts in the romantic-comedy, Hollywood Sweethearts."

John Cusack may not be as well-known among local moviegoers as Julia Roberts is, but this movie may change that. As the sensitive, jilted actor who actually treats women with respect, Cusack could win a legion of new fans with this role. Some of them, though, may be distracted by his very hairy arms.

As the other half of the estrange couple, Catherine Zeta-Jones is a delight to watch as a vain, spoiled actress used to always getting her way. She's the movie's funniest surprise.

The fast-talking Billy Crystal (who produced the movie and co-wrote the script) goes through "America's Sweethearts" the way he hosts the Oscars, dispensing show biz puns (loved "The Blair Bitch Project" gag) and surrendering his dignity just to earn a laugh. You probably won't soon forget the scene where Crystal is given oral pleasure by a horny Doberman.

There's also an extended sequence where Crystal must jog back and forth between two parked limousines to ask Cusack and Zeta-Jones who wants to arrive at the hotel first.

The only quibble I have with the casting has to do with Zeta-Jones' current flame. Couldn't they get a bigger star to play the guy Gwen dumps Eddie for? As a bouffonish, lisping Spaniard who's very defensive about the size of his penis, Hank Azaria is hissable and funny, but he's just not in the same league as Cusack.

In "Notting Hill," Hugh Grant had to compete with the handsome Alec Baldwin for Julia Roberts' affections. In "America's Sweethearts," you see Hank Azaria (can you even remember where else you've seen him?) and wonder why Catherine Zeta-Jones' character would dump John Cusack for him.

Even though this is a comedy about how weird Hollywood is, getting more popular actor to play Gwen's new boy toy would have made the movie richer, more real.

The picture also gets a little too bizarre in the part where Christopher Walken, playing the eccentric director of Gwen and Eddie's latest movie, finally unveils the opus. Though the movie-within-the-movie satirizes Hollywood's current obsession with reality entertainment, it comes across as the phoniest thing about the film. The sequence crosses the fine line between the comic and the absurd, marring the movie's delicate tone.

Film star Brigitte Nielsen thanks 'destiny' for escaping doomed flight

ROME—Actress Brigitte Nielsen escaped disaster Monday when she cancelled her flight on the ill-fated Scandinavian Airlines Flight SK 686 to take part in an Italian TV show, she told Italy's Ansa news agency.

Nielsen, who lives in Italy, was due to fly to Copenhagen to see her mother but decided instead to appear in an afternoon program on Italy's state TV channel RAI.

"I will go to visit my mother in the next few days. Now, I'm just happy to be here with my sons and my husband," said an emotional Nielsen, former wife of Hollywood action superstar Sylvester Stallone.

"I don't know what to say. It's destiny. When you go through a difficult time the important thing is to continue to look at the future, because life goes on."

All 110 people aboard the SAS flight were killed when it crashed at Milan's Linate airport early Monday after colliding with a small Cessna plane and veering into an airport building during take-off. A total of 118 people died. *AFP*

Contemporary drama on gay relationships

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

ON Oct. 13 at 9 p.m., the Hallmark Channel telecasts "Our Sons," a contemporary drama about a sensitive subject: gay relationships. **Julie Andrews** and **Ann-Magret** star as two mothers of different persuasions who are drawn together by the fate of their sons, the lovers in the drama special's story. The show's producers hope that their production will help viewers deal in a more enlightened manner with the subject of homosexual love and the effect it has on the gay lovers' families.

Julie Andrews plays **Audrey Grant**, a sophisticated and successful career woman who has accepted her son **James'** lifestyle, and his relationship with his lover **Donald.** James is played by none other than **Hugh Grant** (a bit of surprise casting, there) and Donald is portrayed by **Zeljko Ivanek.**

The other mother, **Luanne Barnes** (Ann-Magret) is a smalltown waitress who has never come to terms with her son Donald's way of life, and hasn't spoken to him in years.

But Donald is dying, so James asks his mother to seek Luanne out and convince her to see her son one last time. In the course of the drama's events, an unlikely rapport develops between the two mothers, as they learn to be compassionate and understanding despite the difficult situation in which they both find themselves.

The Hallmark Channel is seen on Sky Cable's Channel 38, Home Cable's Channel 25, and Destiny Cable's Channel 25.

Feedback

FROM Dr. **Juan L. Custodio Jr.** of Baclaran, MM: "Since the MTRCB and the Catholic Mass Media body, etc. haven't done anything in this regard, I am taking the initiative of complaining about 'Alas Singko Y Medya's' poor eyesight.

"Immediately after their morning prayer and inspirational quotation, front pages of newspapers are televised full-screen for their headlines, until you get to the tabloids with their almost-nude front-page photographs of women, with only three parts of their anatomy scantilly and strategically covered.

"Couldn't ABS-CBN blur, cover, etc. these excessively baring and daring images? I know our day must be spiced and perked up in the morning, but I would still settle for coffee anytime!"

TV treats

THURSDAY, Oct. 18 at 8 p.m. on Viva Cinema, "Pagnanasa" with **Ynez Veneracion**. She plays a rape victim in the adult drama, which also stars **Rodel Velayo, Gary Estrada** and **Richard Quan.**

At 9 p.m. on Star Movies, "The Ref" topbills **Kevin Spacey** and **Judy Davis**. On Christmas Eve, a cat burglar has to contend with two hostile hostages (Spacey and Davis), an obnoxious couple who argue relentlessly, and it isn't long before the line between who is holding whom hostage begins to blur! Replay on Wednesday, Oct. 24 at 10:15 a.m.

Friday, Oct. 19 at 8 p.m. on Viva Cinema, "Balahibong Pusa." **Joyce Jimenez** plays **Sara**, the latest object of desire of **Michael**, the man who's engaged to marry her mother. Sara confides in her boyfriend (**Jay Manalo**) who also has relations with **Becky** (**Rica Peralejo**), who turns out to be Michael's daughter!

At 5:15 p.m. on Star Movies, "Simply Irresistible" stars **Sarah Michelle Gellar** and **Sean Patrick Flannery**. The owner of a charming restaurant and a high-ranking executive of a famous department store are brought together by an unusual string of events in this comedy, which will be replayed on Tuesday, Oct. 23 at 10:15 a.m., and Friday, Oct. 26 at 7 p.m.

'Roswell'

ON Oct. 18 on Star World, "Roswell" will start airing its sci-fi episodes, which will be seen thereafter on the cable channel every Thursday at 8 p.m. "Roswell" is a suspenseful and touching drama that blends science fiction with the alienation of young adults. Its young stars include **Shiri Appleby, Jason Behr, Katherine Heigl, Brendan Fehr, Majandra Delfino** and **William Sadler.**

Asin embarks on Mindanao tour

SHOWS

SMART Communications Inc., supports legendary folk rock group Asin as they embark on their Mindanao concert caravan for the promotion of peace in Mindanao.

Titled "Pagkatawhay," meaning the state of true peace that brings about fullness of life in the vernacular, this much-awaited concert series is the first road tour for Asin since they regrouped in May this year.

For the first leg of the concert tour, Asin will also be in Songco, Lantapan, Bukidnon; Cagayan de Oro City; Midsayap, North Cotabato; Davao City; Buertavista, Agusan del Norte and Butuan City.

Music and peace know no boundaries as Asin expects to perform to diverse crowds which cross religious, gender, class and generation barriers.

They will bring with them more than 20 years of musical experience and popular songs such as "Masdan ang Kapaligiran," "Ang Bayan Kong Sinilangan" and "Himig ng Pag-ibig" among others.

Original band members Pendong Aban, Jr. (lead vocals, acoustic guitar) and Lolita Carbon (lead vocals, acoustic guitar) will be joined by veteran musicians Chat Aban (kulintang, percussion) Onic Badiang (bass guitar), Lito Crisostomo (lead guitar) and Rene Tengasantos (drummer, percussion).

In coordination with Sayap Kulturanhong Advocacies and Vicor Music Corporation, the concert caravan is also supported by the Office of the President-Mindanao, the Mindanao News and Information Cooperative Center (MNICC), IDS Philippines and Air Philippines.

Retrospective show

JAYA. Reigns over at Onstage in Greenbelt

TOMAS. Marks 20 years in show business

TESSIE Tomas is all set for her retrospective show, "Teysi @ Tweynti," a sentimental look back at her two decades-long reign as local entertainment scene's First Lady of stand-up comedy.

The show opens tomorrow night, Oct. 12 at the Music Museum and also runs Oct. 13, 26 and 27.

"Teysi @ tweynti" marks Tessie's live performance in four years, her last having been "Tessie Tomas: Unclogged" in 1997 also at the Music Museum.

Joining her as special guest is comedian Jon Santos. Also appearing in the show are John Lapus and Boy Abunda in a special guest role.

The show is a production of Artist House Inc. and is directed by Floy Quintos. Sponsors include Kraft Cheez Whiz, Del Monte Tomato Sauce and YKL Fuji Films.

For tickets, call Ticket World at 891-5610, Music Museum at 721-0635 or Artist House at 815-1953.

'Mocca Jaya'

FRIDAY nights will take a surprisingly fresh twist, when "Queen of Soul" Jaya reigns over Onstage in Greenbelt Makati for the month of October starting Oct. 12.

Jaya, who's known for highly emotional songs and heart-rending interpretations will play it cool and easy this time around.

Her show, "Mocca Jaya," promises to be a soothing respite from the pressures of a hectic work week, with songs that are easy on the ears and light on the heart.

Jaya goes back to her musical roots with selections from Anita Baker and Patti Austin, personal favorites by Julia Fordham and Fatima Rainey and other surprise numbers.

She is expected to revisit her original hits including "Dahil Tanging Ikaw," "Wala Na Bang Pag-ibig" and "Dahil Nga Ba sa Kanya," as well as choice cuts from her latest CD including her revival of Fra Lippo Lippi's "Beauty and Madness."

Joining Jaya in the concert series are The Opera, The Hotlegs and newcomer Jon Salkin.

Musical director is Lorrie Ilustre under the stage direction of Rico Mortel. Show starts at 9 p.m.

Tickets at P600, P900 and P 1,200 are now available at all Ticketworld outlets (891-5610), major National Bookstore branches, Robinsons Place and Robinsons Galleria, Tower Records Makati and Alabang, Maxi-Media office (813-8999 / 893-7737) and at Onstage Ticketron.

"Mocca Jaya" is a presentation of Maxi-Media International, with Touch Mobile, Beam Toothpaste, No-Drowse Decolgen and radio stations: Citylite 88.3, Mellow Touch 94.7, 103.5 K-Lite and 105.1 Crossover.

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Creditors buck Bayantel debt proposal

BY ELENA R. TORRIJOS

CREDITOR-BANKS of Bayan Telecommunications Inc. are asking the Lopezes to provide shareholder support to their cash-strapped telecommunications unit, which has a total debt load of $480 million.

Bayantel presented to its creditors last Monday a proposed restructuring plan seeking the condonation of 25 percent of all unsecured debt, the restructuring of the balance over a 15-year period, a grace period of five years for the principal and 18 months for interest.

Officials of Benpres Holdings Corp., the flagship holding company of the Lopez family and Bayantel's parent firm, have said that no financial support from shareholders would be forthcoming.

Benpres itself will have to pay $150 million in bonds maturing in December next year as well as P2 billion worth of long-term commercial paper.

"This (absence of shareholder support) is not something the banks will take sitting down," an official of one of Bayantel's creditor-banks said. "Banks have the credit facilities (extended to the Lopez group). We can politely tell them, this can affect your total relationship with us."

Another banker said: "As in most restructurings, if there would be pain, it must be shared by both creditors and shareholders. We were expecting financial support from shareholders to ensure that obligations of Bayantel would be paid on time."

In separate interviews, both bankers said that if the Lopezes were to play hardball and refuse to provide support, the banks would consider cutting credit lines and not granting any additional loans to other Lopez-owned or -controlled businesses.

Companies under the Lopez group include leading power distributor Manila Electric Co. and popular media firm ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp.

The bank official noted, however, that the Lopez family seemed willing to negotiate with the banks on the issue of shareholder support.

"We believe there's room for negotiation," he said.

Banks are also against the proposal to write off 25 percent of Bayantel's total unsecured debt, the banker said.

"Banks are not used to it, direct debt forgiveness. To my knowledge, they have indirectly (done this) through conversion to equity or acceptance of zero-coupon bonds but not directly," the bank official said.

Bayantel, which has a declining landline subscriber base and has yet to start its cellular phone operations, missed last Jan. 16 a coupon payment for $200 million in bonds maturing in 2006. At present, it continues to pay interest on roughly $280 million in loans from 34 commercial banks and other financial institutions.

Creditor-banks of Bayantel include Metropolitan Bank and Trust Co., Land Bank of the Philippines, Bank of the Philippine Islands, Equitable-PCI Bank, United Coconut Planters Bank, Deutsche Bank, Standard Chartered Bank and JP Morgan Chase.

The negotiations between Bayantel and the creditors were similar to that of Pilipino Telephone Corp., a subsidiary of telephone giant Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co. Three years ago, the cellular phone unit defaulted on P34.9 billion worth of debt. Creditors forged a memorandum of agreement for the restructuring of the debt after PLDT committed to support Piltel to the tune of $150 million, but not after the banks threatened to cut the parent firm's credit lines.

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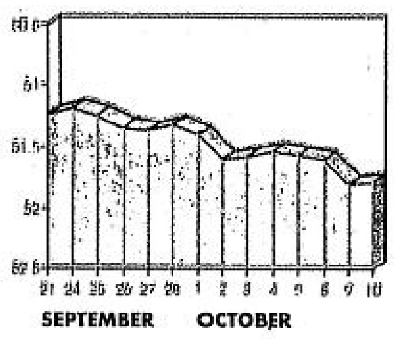

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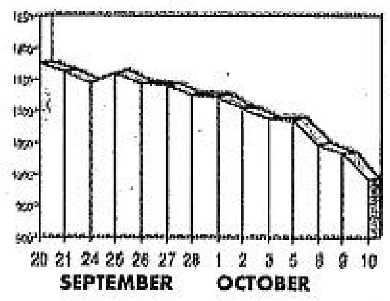

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Stocks slump

STOCKS fell through the 1,000 support level yesterday to end at fresh 10-year low as uncertainty over the impact of US-led strikes on Afghanistan and prospects of a global recession pressured the market.

"It's very, very difficult. I don't know how prolonged the situation will be. I guess we just have to wait a little while," said Irving Ackerman, president of I. Ackerman Co. Inc., which is one of the founding brokers of the Philippine Stock Exchange.

The Philippine stock main index closed down 4.05 percent or 41.84 points at 991.35 points, its lowest since Oct. 11, 1991. *Reuters*

ePLDT capital hike deferred

TELECOMMUNICATIONS leader Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co. has suspended the increase in the authorized capital of its Internet arm ePLDT because of the economic slowdown.

ePLDT earlier sought the approval of its parent company to increase its authorized capital from P1 billion to P5 billion. The increase should have been made this month.

"Any increase in capitalization (is still) pending. There's a general slowdown in most business establishments in the country anyway, so we're just keeping pace with everyone else," ePLDT managing director Ariel Roda told reporters on Tuesday.

Ayala Land may buy into Bonifacio firm

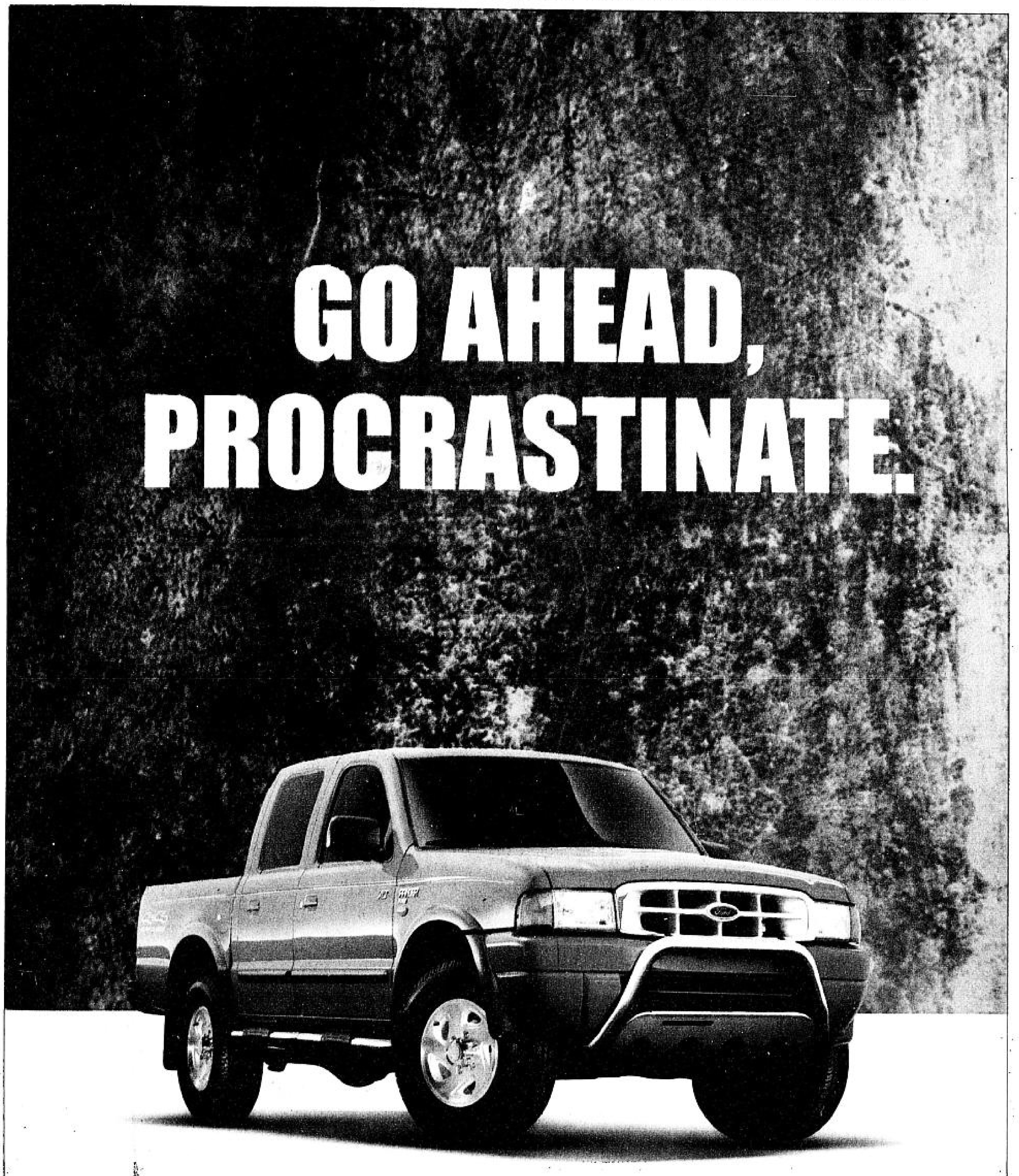
PROPERTY developer Ayala Land Inc. said yesterday that it may consider buying a stake in Metro Pacific Corp.'s unit, Bonifacio Land Corp., but it had no knowledge yet of the terms of the sale.

Ayala Land's statement was a reaction to an INQUIRER report that the firm was keen on buying out Metro Pacific's controlling stake in Bonifacio Land.

Bonifacio Land and the government's Bases Conversion Development Authority (BCDA) are jointly developing the Fort Bonifacio Global City, a residential and commercial district on the edge of Makati area.

"We wish to advise that Ayala Land has not been formally advised of the terms and conditions under which Metro Pacific would be willing to sell its entire stake in Fort Bonifacio Global City," Ayala Land said in a disclosure.

Reuters



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Pension show

BREAKTIME

Conrado R. Banal III

FEDERICO Pascual and Carlos Arellano are not brothers. They are not even related in any way, so it's really uncanny how they look very much different.

In other things, anyway, the two have a lot in common. Both are money men, for instance, having spent most of their professional lives in banking.

They also used to head state-run pension funds. Ding Pascual was president and general manager of the GSIS, while Chuckie Arellano was chair and president of the SSS.

In their time, the two posted the best-ever income for their respective pension funds. As a sign of gratitude, this cute administration replaced them at once.

Perhaps to return such a big favor of being removed, Ding and Chuckie then turned state witnesses against their boss, the man named Band . . . Wrist Band.

As if on cue thereafter, the attacks started against Ding and Chuckie. I guess they can now start a show for synchronized pension bashing. What's that, pension show?

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THE ISSUE against Chuckie concerns the stock market. The SSS was always a market player. So why did the SSS, during Chuckie's time, continue to invest in stocks?

I am not kidding. There's a group in the SSS that thinks that way. They look at the market, which is down today, and then they look for somebody to blame.

For that matter, I can also use hindsight and accuse the SSS of neglect when it did not unload all its holdings before the market collapsed to where it is today.

It's impossible to get hold of the figures on the SSS' paper losses. Meaning, if it were to sell its holdings in this depressed market, how much will it actually lose?

But I guess it should be big. It can run to billions or even tens of billions of pesos. As I said, the SSS was a major player even before Chuckie's time. And it should only be.

Most of the world's pension funds are stock market players. Even the World Bank wants such investments for pension funds. And that is the idol of technocrats speaking.

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ANYWAY, it seems that Chuckie is only caught in the crossfire between warring groups in the SSS. One of them must hit him to get at the other group.

In warfare, it's called collateral damage. For why do you think they are zeroing in only on the stock investments of the SSS under Chuckie?

Forgodsakes, the guy was there for only two and a half year! In previous regimes, the SSS amassed about P42 billion of past due loans. Don't tell me that was all right.

Among them was its huge loan to the Smokey Mountain project of R-2 Builders of Regis Romero, the bravest Abu Sayyaf kidnap victim for claiming he did not pay ransom.

Anyway, the SSS also invested in a huge building project of Philamlife in Makati, and it now owns half of it, probably half of which is also empty.

The SSS even spent more than P1 billion for houses and lots in Urdaneta Village in Makati. Today, it earns rent from them of about one percent of the original capital.

I mean, if they are looking for skeletons, they better look in every closet. For all you know, they may even find a closet queen among them. Oops.

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AS for Ding Pascual, the ruckus is about the retirement pay and benefits that were given by the GSIS during his time and gotten by Ding himself and some GSIS executives.

Supposedly, the COA did not allow the GSIS to give that kind of retirement benefits. But is it up to COA now? I mean, must Ding and the rest cower in fear?

The COA said their retirement benefits were scandalous. Mind you, these are the very same men and women who spent their whole lives working in the government.

Ding had 23 years of government service, with 20 years in PNB, where he never retired and he just faded away. Politics! What else?

Anyway, Ding was president of Allied Bank when he was tapped by Wrist Band to head the GSIS. Do you think he accepted it because Ding loved the man?

It's because the GSIS, even before Ding's time, was already taken out of the standardized pay in government. For it was the only way the GSIS could attack the pros.

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NOW look at the others in the attack list of the COA. There were four SVPs who, if you total their years in service, together gave to GSIS some 170 years.

So why do you think they stayed? These were top executives, mind you, and with their experience and knowledge, they could have moved on to the private sector.

They stayed because, somehow, they wanted to get the retirement benefits that should only go higher as the years of service get longer. I thought that was only fair.

That's why the GSIS retirement benefit has what's known in the trade as "loyalty incentive." You know—for staying on?

Now, the GSIS retirement package is not unique. Many government agencies have similar benefits, such as that of the Department of Budget and Management.

But why does the GSIS need competent people? Mainly because the fund manages some P200 billion worth of assets. That's why I don't want senators anywhere near it.

Garcia returns as PSE prexy

By Doris C. Dumlao

THE PHILIPPINE Stock Exchange board yesterday agreed to reinstall Ramon Garcia as its president, averting what could have been a proxy war among brokers.

Garcia, however, was made a lame-duck president by a condition that he go on terminal leave until his term expires in March next year.

"All's well that ends well," PSE corporate secretary and spokesperson Edgardo Guevarra said during a news conference.

Garcia was allowed to return to preserve the unity of the exchange, Guevarra told reporters.

Garcia was said to have rallied enough support among the stock exchange's members to reverse a board decision reached two weeks ago sacking him as president over his handling of a dispute with Metro Pacific Corp.

In paid advertisements that appeared in several newspapers, Garcia said he was ousted because he was trying to defend the stock exchange's interest when he lambasted Metro Pacific chair Manuel Pangilinan, a PSE director, for reneging on his company's commitments to provide a unified trading floor for the local bourse.

These statements drew wide support among the stock exchange's members, forcing yesterday's confrontation.

In yesterday's meeting, Garcia apologized to Pangilinan for his outbursts. Pangilinan, in turn, supported a motion to reinstate Garcia.

Guevarra said Garcia would also remain as a board member until March.

Under the agreement struck by the board, an interim management committee will continue to run the PSE while Garcia is on terminal leave.

A four-member management committee headed by PSE chair Felipe Yap was created two weeks ago in view of Garcia's ouster. The committee consisted of non-broker PSE directors Cayetano Paderanga and Mario Camacho.

Two more members—former PSE chair Roberto Coyiuto and non-broker director Patricio Lim—were appointed by the board to the committee.

Guevarra said although Garcia would be president-on-leave until March, he would still be allowed to manage the affairs of the PSE's subsidiaries, including the Securities Clearing Corp. of the Philippines.

Once a replacement had been chosen, he said, Garcia would have to resign both as PSE president and director.

Garcia will continue to enjoy all the benefits of a PSE president, however, until March.

In a separate briefing, Garcia said he agreed to the compromise formula after consulting with his family. He said he was happy that his name had been cleared and that he agreed to go on terminal leave to concentrate on church activities.

BSP says reserves cut unlikely

DESPITE a slowdown in domestic liquidity for the third consecutive month in August to 10.2 percent, the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas is not yet keen on cutting its 20-percent reserve requirement because of the still uncertain domestic economic outlook.

A ranking official said the policy-making Monetary Board was not looking at cutting the level of deposits that banks must keep in the central bank's vaults, although domestic liquidity had been falling after peaking at 14.7 percent in May.

Domestic liquidity, also referred to as "M3," is a measure of money supply that includes money held by individuals, institutional investors and banks.

Loan growth as of August remained anemic, as total outstanding loans hardly grew to P1.437 trillion, almost unchanged from the previous month. As of July, bank lending grew by only 2.2 percent.

A central bank official said the sluggish lending activity of banks merely reflected hesitation among businesses to expand and weak consumer confidence over peace-and-order uncertainties.

"There is no indication of a need to cut banks' reserve requirement because local authorities anticipate a decline in economic performance, particularly after the Sept. 11 attacks in the United States," a ranking central bank official said.

Petron says oil depots are secured

By Ronnel W. Domingo

PETRON Corp. disclosed yesterday that it spent some P200 million in fire-fighting equipment and other safety gears to make sure its distribution terminal in Pandacan would be "adequately capable" of meeting all emergencies.

In a news conference, Petron terminal manager Peter Paul Shotwell said the country's biggest oil refiner even bought last year a P28-million fire truck without incentives from the government.

"This fire truck is equipped with a telescopic, or 'intelligent,' nozzle that can be elevated and pointed to a target by a controller on the ground," Shotwell explained during a fire drill in Pandacan.

Petron regularly replenishes and upgrades its fire-fighting equipment and conducts drills to handle fires and oil spills, he said.

He said with its level of preparedness in terms of equipment, Petron only had to hire more security personnel since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in the United States.

The attacks heightened fears that the depots of Petron, Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corp. and Caltex Philippines Inc. might be targeted by local terrorist groups and pose a danger to communities living near them.

Petron vice president Jose Campos said there was no real need to relocate the depots, as these were capable of meeting emergency situations, including terrorist attacks.

Campos reiterated, however, that Petron would cooperate should the government decide that the depots should be moved to other sites.

He said should the government decide that the Pandacan depots should be relocated, Petron would just ask for a "realistic" schedule.

"Five years is already tight. If we have less than that, the relocation might be done haphazardly and the continuity of supply may be adversely affected," Campos said.

Asia United targets Top 20 ranking

By Clarissa S. Batino

ASIA United Bank Corp., a company controlled by Republic Biscuit Corp. of businessman Jacinto Ng, is aggressively expanding in the next three years to become one of the country's Top 20 commercial banks.

Asia United executive vice president Victor Lim Jr. said the bank was hoping to open 42 new branches and increase its deposit base to P25 billion from its existing P7 billion.

"The target is to be among the Top 20 banks in the next three years," Lim said.

Asia United opened yesterday its 18th branch in Pasig and would inaugurate its 21st branch within the year. It acquired six branches from Singapore's United Overseas Bank and was set to buy two more from Security Bank Corp.

As of the second quarter, the bank ranked 36th, with assets worth P10.36 billion, up 6.1 percent from the previous quarter's P9.76 billion.

Lim said Asia United was allocating at least P5 million when acquiring a branch.

He stressed the expansion was not limited to the acquisition of branches.

"We are open to acquiring another bank and, if a good opportunity for acquisition comes along, we will take a good look at it. We are not for sale," he said.

The lender, which is 20-percent owned by Taiwan's China United Trust and Investment Corp. and 10-percent by China Development Bank, submitted an offer to rehabilitate shuttered lender Urban Bank Inc. last year. It lost to Bank of Commerce, which later decided to pass on the offer.

Because of Asia United's prudent lending policies, its non-performing loans ratio is among the lowest in the industry at about 2.6 percent of its total loan portfolio.

The bank has consistently posted earnings since it began operations. Its retained earnings stand at about P500 million. This year, it is targeting to post a net income of P280 million.

Lim said the bank would focus on trade financing or servicing the needs of exporters and importers. He said Asia United also wanted to grow into other areas of consumer lending like housing and salary loan.

Asia United was incorporated in 1997 by the Ng group.

Mining windfall seen from US war

By Vincent Cabreza
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

BAGUIO CITY—The mining industry, hit worst in the last 20 years by an international gold price slump, is seen reaping windfall profits from the United States' war against terrorism as global demand for metals used to build bombs and ammunition grows.

A global arms buildup is "staring the mining industry in the face," Neoman de la Cruz, Cordillera director of the Mines and Geosciences Bureau, said.

Gold prices have soared from an average $240 (P12,432) per ounce to $292 per ounce since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in New York and Washington.

"The demand would immediately resurrect some of the country's oldest and biggest mines (like Benguet Corp. and Atlas Consolidated Mining and Development Corp.), which were forced to shut down key mining operations due to a market slowdown as early as 1988," he said.

MGB mining supervisor Eduard Austria said most mine operations were unable to cope with the daily operating cost of $240, which production sales could not compensate given the prevailing market.

Speculation has driven gold prices up, as financial markets consolidate assets in view of the global war against terrorism.

De la Cruz said the more dramatic buildup would be in the international demand for iron and copper, as allied nations led by the United States continued preparing for a protracted war.

The Chamber of Mines is scheduled to discuss the war's ramifications on Oct. 17 because of its potential impact on nationwide operations.

Only two major mining firms continue to operate in the Cordillera following Benguet Corp.'s slowdown 10 years ago.

Philex Mining Corp., run by Chamber of Mines president Gerald Brimo, and Lepanto Consolidated Mining Corp. employ 5,407 workers.

The combined gold production in the region reached 8,808 kilograms between January and June this year, representing a 6.61-percent growth compared with that of 1999 and 2000.

The production is worth P1.324 billion.

Demand for silver, however, is seen slipping by 9.87 percent, with a combined haul of 7,217 kilograms, worth $18.5 million (P958.3 million) when compared with last year's production, De la Cruz said.

Copper production was also lower, falling by 6.67 percent this year at 8,500 kilograms worth P1.1 billion.

Copper will be in great demand toward the end of the year because of its use in the production of military hardware, De la Cruz said.

Even before the US terror attacks, Philippine copper producers had been expecting a huge demand from the semiconductor industry because copper wire had become a cost-effective substitute for linking transistors to manufactured computer chips, he said.

"But no one expected the war, and it is doing the mining sector a little more good than we expected," Austria said.

DISCLOSURES

UNIWIDE Holdings Inc. confirmed it has plans of selling the theme park assets of **Naic Resources and Development Corp.** Proceeds of the sale would be used to retire obligations with **Asian Alliance Investment Corp.** to which these assets were mortgaged.

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METRO Pacific Corp. denied it was in talks with **Ayala Land Inc.** for the possible sale of its controlling interest in **Bonifacio Land Corp.**

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AJO.net Holdings Inc. will hold its annual stockholders' meeting on November 26, 3 p.m. at the Metropolitan Club, Makati City. Record date is on October 22.

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ITOGON-Suyoc Mines Inc. has denied having any information that could explain the unusual movement in the price of its shares.

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FILINVEST Land Inc. has announced that Philippine Rating Services Corp. gave its proposed P1 billion long term commercial paper a rating of PRS Aa. ***Compiled by Maricar D. Tolosa, PDI Research***

Philippine Stock Exchange

(As of Wednesday, October 10, 2001)

STOCKS	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	VOLUME
BANKS & FINANCIAL SERVICES					
BANKS					
Asiatrust Dev. Bank Inc.	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	5,000
Bank of the Phil. Islands	45	45	41.5	42	690,100
Equitable PCI Bank Inc.	19.5	19.5	17	17	400,600
Metropolitan Bank & Trust	187	187	163	171	387,660
Philippine National Bank	49	49	48.5	48.5	47,600
Phil. Savings Bank	27.5	27.5	27.5	27.5	1,000
Rizal Comm. Banking Corp.	20	20	20	20	10,900
Union Bank of the Phil.	14	14	14	14	1,000
FINANCIAL SERVICE					
Bankard Inc.	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1,000
Filipino Fund Inc	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	30,000
First Metro Invest. Corp.	220	220	220	220	200
Manulife Financial Corp.	1280	1280	1280	1280	820
Sun Life Financial Serv.	1050	1055	1050	1055	18,560
COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL					
COMMUNICATION					
Digital Telecom Phils. Inc.	0.26	0.26	0.25	0.25	1,620,000
Globe Telecom Inc.	600	600	590	590	78,800
Ipeople Inc.	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	60,000
Island Info and Tech Inc.	0.023	0.023	0.022	0.022	1,500,000
Liberty Telecoms Holdings	0.47	0.47	0.47	0.47	540,000
Manila Bulletin Pub. Corp.	3	3.25	2.9	3.25	47,000
Piltel	0.31	0.31	0.31	0.31	10,000
Phil. Long Dis Tel Co.	362.5	362.5	332.5	342.5	328,900
Ivantage Corp.	0.5	0.51	0.5	0.5	1,020,000
Philweb.Com Inc.	0.018	0.018	0.015	0.017	18,600,000
POWER & ENERGY					
Manila Electric Co. A	22	22	21.5	21.5	15,200
Manila Electric Co. B	32.5	32.5	32	32.5	575,200
Petron Corp.	1.14	1.14	1.08	1.1	4,073,000
Trans-Asia Oil and Energy	0.84	0.84	0.84	0.84	40,000
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES					
Asian Terminals Inc.	0.88	0.88	0.88	0.88	50,000
Int'l Container Term'l Sv	1.16	1.18	1.12	1.18	2,162,000
Keppel Phils. Marine Inc.	0.31	0.31	0.3	0.3	2,300,000
CONSTRUCTION & OTHER RELATED PRODUCTS					
Republic Cement Corp.	1	1	1	1	10,000
Republic Glass Hldg. Corp.	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	495,000
Union Cement Corp.	1.12	1.12	1.12	1.12	1,017,000
FOOD, BEVERAGES & TOBACCO					
Alaska Milk Corp.	2.06	2.06	2.04	2.06	920,000
Cosmos Bottling Corp.	5.3	5.3	5.2	5.3	540,000
Jollibee Foods Corp.	11	11	11	11	107,100
La Tondeña Distillers Inc.	24.25	24.5	24.25	24.5	2,500
Pure Foods Corp. A	114	124	114	124	1,700
RFM Corp.	1.98	1.98	1.94	1.94	1,694,000
San Miguel Corp. A	39	39	38	39	101,300
San Miguel Corp. B	50	50	48	48	90,400
Vitarich Corp.	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	150,000
HOLDING FIRMS					
Abacus Con Res & Hdg A	0.51	0.51	0.5	0.5	40,000
Ayala Corp.	5.2	5.2	5.1	5.1	4,253,000
Aboitiz Equity Ventures	1.32	1.32	1.3	1.32	4,109,000
Ajo.Net Holdings Inc.	0.6	0.6	0.58	0.58	830,000
A. Soriano Corp.	0.43	0.43	0.43	0.43	1,000,000
Alcorn Gold Res. Corp.	0.005	0.005	0.0048	0.0048	37,000,000
ATN Holdings Inc.	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	4,000
Balabac Resources & Hldgs.	0.15	0.16	0.15	0.16	330,000
Boulevard Holdings Inc.	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	540,000
Benpres Holdings Corp.	0.96	0.96	0.87	0.88	10,320,000
Basic Consolidated Inc.	0.095	0.095	0.095	0.095	300,000
Crown Equities Inc.	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	100,000
Filinvest Dev. Corp.	0.61	0.65	0.61	0.65	40,000
First Phil Hldgs Corp.	22.75	22.75	22.25	22.5	40,300
Global Equities Inc.	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	100,000
Ionics Inc.	6	6	5.8	5.8	171,000
J.G. Summit Holdings Inc.	1.26	1.26	1.24	1.24	250,000
Macroasia Corp.	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	210,000
Marsteel Cons. Inc. B	0.011	0.011	0.011	0.011	2,000,000
Megaworld Corp.	0.55	0.56	0.55	0.56	840,000
Multitech Inv. Corp.	0.26	0.26	0.25	0.25	700,000
Metro Pacific Corp.	0.18	0.19	0.18	0.18	5,730,000
Music Corp.	0.39	0.4	0.38	0.4	890,000
Philtread Hdgs. Corp. B	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	10,000
Tanduay Holdings Inc.	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	10,000
Unioil Res. & Holdings Co.	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	100,000
Uniwide Holdings Inc.	0.12	0.12	0.1	0.12	2,730,000
Waterfront Phils. Inc.	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.23	30,000
MANUFACTURING, DISTRIBUTION & TRADING					
Euro-Med Lab. Phil. Inc.	4.5	5.2	4.5	5.2	103,000
Picop Resources Inc.	0.065	0.065	0.065	0.065	1,800,000
Central Azucar Don Pedro	0.76	0.76	0.76	0.76	150,000
Spi Technologies Inc.	10.25	10.25	10	10	60,500
HOTEL, RECREATION & OTHER SERVICE					
Fairmont Holdings Inc.	0.41	0.41	0.41	0.41	2,810,000
Manila Jockey Club	10	10	10	10	15,000
BONDS, PREFERRED & WARRANTS					
ABS-CBN Hldgs. Corp. (Pdr)	24	24	23.5	23.75	5,700
Jollibee Warrants	9	10.5	9	10.5	62,000
PLDT (10% Pref.) Series U	10	10	10	10	15,000
PLDT (10% Pref) Series V	10	10.25	10	10.25	16,700
PLDT (10% Pref) Series W	10	10	10	10	18,000
PLDT (10% Pref) Series X	10	10	10	10	1,700
PLDT (10% Pref) Series Z	10	10.25	10	10.25	17,000
Philweb.Com Inc.-Warrants	0.005	0.005	0.0048	0.0048	9,000,000
PROPERTY					
Ayala Land Inc.	3.75	3.75	3.55	3.65	8,246,000
Cebu Holdings Inc.	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	30,000
C & P Homes Inc.	0.155	0.155	0.14	0.14	2,060,000
Cyber Bay Corp.	0.22	0.25	0.2	0.25	1,100,000
Empire East Land Inc.	0.206	0.205	0.2	0.2	4,300,000
Edsa Prop. Holdings Inc.	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	40,000
Filinvest Land Inc.	1.18	1.18	1.12	1.14	1,588,000
City & Land Developers	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.2	300,000
Fil-Estate Land Inc.	0.2	0.2	0.18	0.18	610,000
Philippine Estates Corp.	0.026	0.04	0.026	0.04	200,000
Robinsons Land Corp.	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	782,000
Phil Realty and Holdings	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	1,500,000
SM Prime Holdings Inc.	4.85	4.85	4.6	4.75	12,067,000
Universal Rightfield Prop.	0.047	0.047	0.045	0.045	1,000,000
MINING					
Abra Mining & Industrial	0.0024	0.0024	0.0024	0.0024	2,000,000
Itogon-Suyoc Mines A	0.022	0.022	0.018	0.02	27,200,000
Lepanto Cons. Mng. Co. B	0.165	0.165	0.16	0.16	400,000
Omico Corp.	0.0026	0.0026	0.0026	0.0026	9,000,000
Polar Mines & Dev't Corp.	0.016	0.016	0.015	0.015	18,300,000
Philex Mining Corp. A	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.27	30,000
Philex Mining Corp. B	0.3	0.3	0.29	0.29	410,000
OIL					
Imperial Res.	0.015	0.015	0.015	0.015	500,000
Interport Res.	0.0034	0.0034	0.0034	0.0034	1,000,000
Oriental Pet. & Min. A	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	5,000,000
Oriental Pet. & Min. B	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	3,000,000
South China Resources Inc	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	90,000
Vulcan Ind'l.	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	100,000

	SHARES	VALUE (P)
Banks & Fin Svc	1,594,440	125,564,670.00
Comm'l & Ind'l	124,921,000	252,906,990.00
PRO	33,823,000	91,963,070.00
Mining	57,340,000	1,043,500.00
OIL	9,690,000	72,400.00
GRAND TOTALS:	227,368,440	471,550,630.00

AVERAGES		
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All Shares Index	644.86	DOWN 4.49
Composite	991.35	DOWN 41.84

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PCCI offers to handle import inspection scheme

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

THE PHILIPPINE Chamber of Commerce and Industry will seek the government's mandate to provide pre-shipment inspection services on a voluntary basis to companies that want to expedite the release of their shipments from the Bureau of Customs.

PCCI president Miguel Varela said the country's business group would meet with the Department of Finance within the month to formalize its offer to provide businessmen with an alternative solution to the undue delays in the processing of their import documents.

The DOF is planning to bid out a new contract for an independent body to provide pre-shipment inspection services to businessmen. This would hasten the release of goods from the BOC's warehouses since goods would be checked and cleared for release at the country of origin.

Varela said the PCCI has a long track record in customs work having been part of the BOC's computerization program over the last 10 years.

"Our offer would have no cost on the government's side since we (the PCCI) will put up all the capital needed. We believe that the project is self-liquidating. It will not be compulsory, as only companies that are willing to pay a premium to have their goods released can avail themselves of this service," Varela said. The government used to pay billions of pesos in annual fees to the pre-shipment inspection firm for its services.

A lot of businessmen are willing to pay a few dollars more to have their goods pre-inspected because it would be more cost-effective than having their shipments stay in the BOC's holding area for days.

The processing delays are mainly due to disputes between the importer and customs officers on the valuation of the goods. Since the BOC took over in March last year, the value range of goods has become wider, giving more opportunities for examiners to question the importers' valuation of their goods. This causes problems in the release of goods that prompt most importers to pay off unscrupulous customs officials rather than pay additional storage costs.

Varela said the PCCI could tap an international company that has an extensive global network such as the Societe General de Surveillance (SGS) to provide the pre-shipment inspection. "We have worked with SGS in the past and we think we can take over the pre-shipment with their support," Varela said. SGS' 13-year contract with the government expired in 1999 but it was extended up to March last year.

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Gov't sells 10% stake in Philphos

THE GOVERNMENT has fully divested its holdings in Philippine Phosphate Fertilizer Corp. with the sale of its remaining 5-percent interest to small local investors, mostly employees of the company.

The Privatization and Management Office (formerly Asset Privatization Trust) reported that it has generated P45 million from the sale of a minority stake in Philphos.

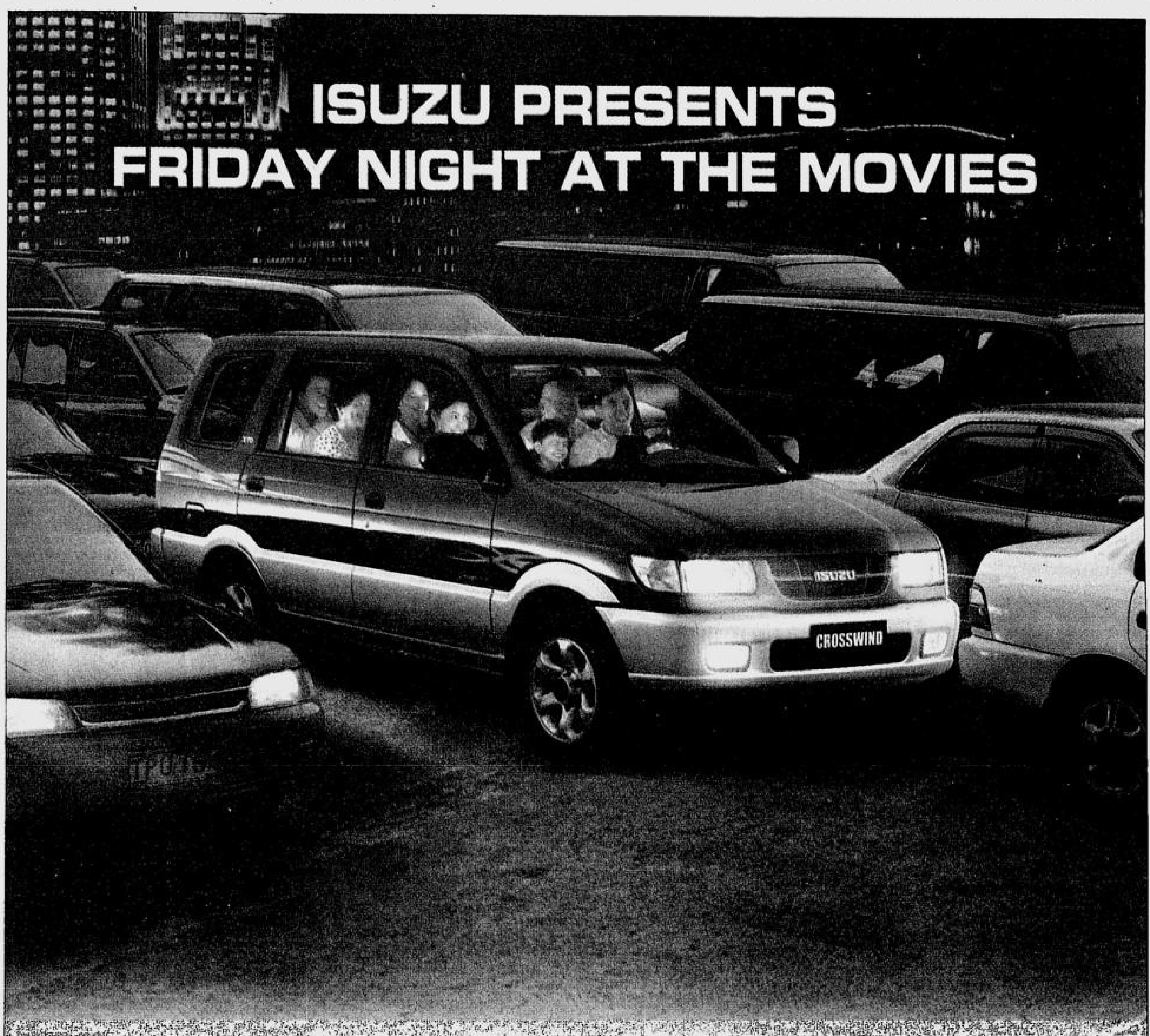
Delphie Holdings of businessman Jose Ch. Alvarez acquired the government's 45-percent stake and P49 billion in receivables and guarantee fees in Philphos during the PMO's second bidding in November.

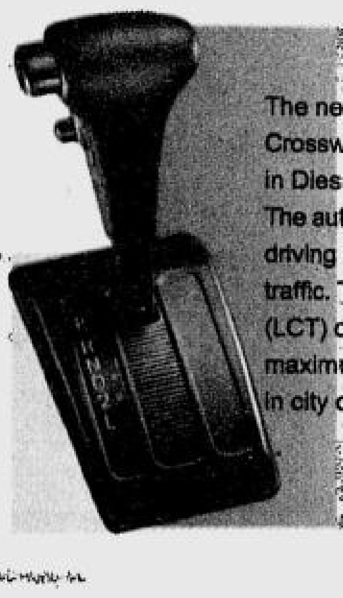
Alvarez had already won in Philphos' first bidding but it was turned down because his original offer of P2.5 billion was deemed too low. The Republic of Nauru holds the remaining 50 percent of Philphos.

PMO chief privatization officer Renato Valdecantos said the 45,000 Philphos shares were sold at par value of P1,000 to 450 small investors, 90 percent of whom were Philphos employees.

Valdecantos said investor interest in Philphos was warm in contrast to the tepid reception to simultaneous sales of the government's minority shares in Philippine Associated Smelting and Refining Corp. (Pasar) and Paper Industries Corp. of the Philippines (Picop). The PMO is mandated to allocate 10 percent of its asset holdings up for sale to small investors.

Philphos is the largest and most modern maker of phosphatic fertilizer in the world. It has a 180-hectare complex at the Leyte Industrial Development Estate in Isabel, Leyte, which the PMO said was ideal for fertilizer because of its abundant energy supply (adjacent to the Tongonan geothermal power plant), natural deep harbor and strategic location in central Philippines.





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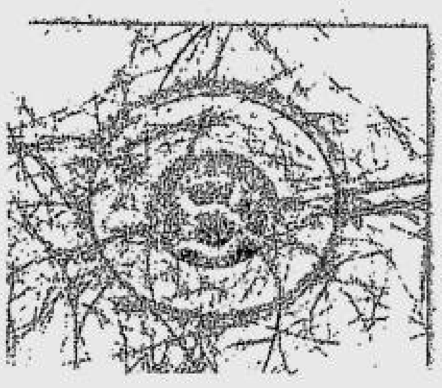

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4. This invitation does not entail any commitment on the part of the ADB, either financial or otherwise. Any cost of preparation for prequalification shall be borne solely by the applicant. The ADB reserves the right to accept or reject any application for prequalification and to reply only to the companies, which are considered by the ADB to be prequalified.

(Sgd.) **NORMIN S. PAKPAHAN**
Chairman
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(PDI-Oct. 11, 18 & 25, 2001)

PERSONAL

NOVENA PRAYER TO ST. JUDE O, HOLY ST. JUDE apostle and martyr, great in virtue, rich in miracles, near in kinsman of Jesus Christ, faithful inter-cessor of all who invoke your special patronage in time of need, to you I have recourse from the depth of my heart and humbly beg to whom God has given such great power to come to my assistance. Help me in my present, urgent petition (make your request). In return, I promise to make your name known and cause you to be invoked. Saint Jude, pray for us and all who invoke your aid. Pray this nine times a day for nine consecutive days. On the eighth day your prayers will be answered, for this prayer has never known to fail. Please don't forget to publish this once your wish is granted.

THANK YOU HOLY JESUS.
THANK YOU HOLY SPIRIT.
THANK YOU MOTHER MARY.

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Department of Health
CENTRAL OFFICE
Bids and Awards Committee
Building No. 3, San Lazaro Comp., Rizal Avenue, Sta. Cruz, Manila 1003
Tel. Nos. TL 743-63-01 Local 1338, Telefax No. (632) 743-72-36

October 8, 2001

INVITATION TO PREQUALIFY/ELIGIBILITY SCREENING AND TO BID

The Department of Health thru the Central Office Bids and Awards Committee (COBAC) is inviting bids from accredited contractors of Philippine Contractors Accreditation Board (PCAB) with minimum license category of "D and C" and registration of "Small B" for Building and Industrial Plant for the project Proposed Health Emergency Management Staff (HEMS) Office located at East Avenue Medical Center, East Avenue, Quezon City.

The dates to be followed are:

1. Submission of Letter of Intent, PCAB License and Registration (Bring original copies of Contractor's License & Issuance of eligibility documents		October 23, 2001
2. Submission of duly accomplished eligibility documents		October 30, 2001
3. Posting of eligible contractors		November 09, 2001
4. Issuance of Bid/Tender Documents		November 12-13, 2001
5. Pre-bid conference		November 16, 2001
6. Submission of Bids (Deadline)	10:00 AM	November 29, 2001
7. Opening of Bids	10:00 AM	November 29, 2001

All of the above activities shall be held at the Office of the COBAC Chairperson, Ground Floor, Building No. 3, DOH Compound, Sta. Cruz, Manila.

The complete set of bid documents may be purchased by the interested eligible bidders upon payment of a non-refundable fee of THREE THOUSAND PESOS ONLY (P3,000.00).

COBAC reserves the right to reject any or all bids without offering any reason, waive any required formality and award the contract to any bidder to whose proposal as evaluated by COBAC is the most advantageous to the Government. COBAC assumes no obligation to compensate or indemnify the bidders for any expense or loss that may be incurred in the preparation of bids, nor does it guarantee that an award will be made.

The Approved Budget Cost will be announced during the pre-bid conference.

(Sgd.) **ZENAIDA O. LUDOVICE, MD, MPH, CESO II**
Assistant Secretary of Health
Chairperson, COBAC

(PDI – Oct. 11, 14 & 22, 2001)

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Science and Technology
PHILIPPINE ATMOSPHERIC, GEOPHYSICAL AND ASTRONOMICAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (PAGASA)
Asiatrust Bank Building, 1424 Quezon Avenue, Quezon City 1104

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

Bidding Date : November 8, 2001
Pre-Bid Conference : October 23, 2001
Office of the RMS Chief,
PAGASA, 4th Floor, 1424 Quezon Avenue
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Interested parties are invited to apply for eligibility and to submit sealed bids on the above using **TWO-ENVELOPE SYSTEM** to be opened publicly at the Conference Room of the Weather and Flood Forecasting Center (WFFC), DIC Building, Agham Road, Diliman, Quezon City.

Bid requirements will be issued at the PAGASA Records Section, 4th Floor, ATB Building, 1424 Quezon Avenue, Quezon City upon presentation of this advertisement clipping, together with the company's TIN on **October 16, 2001.**

Bidding documents will be issued by the BAC Secretariat from **October 22, 2001** at the Records Section, 4th Floor, ATB Building.

Only eligible bidders shall be invited to the Opening of Bids on **November 8, 2001** at 2:00 p.m. at the WFFC Conference Room, PAGASA DIC Building, Agham Road, Diliman, Quezon City. Bids should be accompanied by a 2.5% Bidders Bond in the form of Cash, Manager's Check or GSIS Bond.

All inquiries concerning this invitation to bid should be addressed to the Chairman, PAGASA-BAC.

The PAGASA reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason of its own, waive any formality therein when necessary and to accept complying offer considered most advantageous to the government.

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"Whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life"
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Luis P. Villar, Sr.

passed away peacefully in the grace of our Lord
on the 8th day of October 2001 at the age of 85,

devoted husband to **Charing Rojas**

loving father to **Malu & Willie Chipeco, Christine & Alex Pineda,**
Louie & Chuchi Serrano, Elaine & Vic Rivilla,
Saripaz & Peter Tan, Karen & Glenn Fuentebella

beloved Lolo to **LJ, Rio, Rizsa,** *&* **Ian Chipeco;**
Carlo, Trina *&* **Krizia Pineda; Rochelle & Miguel Santiago, Tricia & Ysa Villar;**
Angelo *&* **Anna Rojas; Raffy Rivilla, Vic-Vic & Hanna Rivilla; PJ and Cathy Tan,** *and*

caring brother to **Jose** *(†) &* **Mercedes Syquia** *(†),* **Pacita** *(†),*
Manuel *(†) &* **Asuncion Javier, Rosenda** *and* **Irineo Palma** *(†).*

We, his family, relatives and friends, request those whose lives have been touched
by our dearest **Papa Ito**
and all pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie at the Mortuary of the Sto. Domingo Church, Quezon Avenue, Quezon City.
Interment will be on Saturday, the 13th of October 2001
at the Villar - Punzalan Mausoleum, La Loma Cemetery
following the 2:00 pm Mass at the Sto. Domingo Church.

In lieu of flowers, a donation to the Luis P. Villar, Sr. Foundation
will be greatly appreciated.

"We know that God raised the Lord Jesus from death. He will raise us to life with Jesus. He will present us, along with you, to God."
2 Cor. 4:14

The Board of Directors, Management and Staff
of the
Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation (PDIC)
condole with the family
of its President and CEO Norberto C. Nazareno
on the death of his mother

Socorro C. Nazareno

April 22, 1920 — October 9, 2001

Her remains now lie in state at the Santuario de San Jose, Duke St., Greenhills East, Mandaluyong City. Daily Masses at 8:00 p.m. shall be offered.

On October 14, 2001, after the 2:00 p.m. Mass, her remains shall be cremated at the Crematorium, La Funeraria Paz, Quezon City.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Carmelite Sisters (Gilmore, Quezon City) will be appreciated.

"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies, and whoever believes in Me will never die."
John 11:25-26

In Loving Memory

Jaime A. San Juan

October 16, 1951 - October 11, 1999
Tanauan, Batangas

His wife **Luz Uy San Juan**; children **Jamaica** and **Jussein San Juan**; son-in-law **Major Ruel Esparas**; daughter-in-law **Vanessa Sumague**; granddaughters **Angel** and **Jill**; grandsons **Jameson** and **Jaime 11**, would like to share our deepest gratitude with those who have continually prayed for our dearest **Jimmy**'s eternal happiness.

Please join us in love and prayer as we observed the Tenth (10) year reunion of our dearest **Jimmy** with the Lord tomorrow October 11, 2001 at the following churches:

Church of the St. John the Evangelist, *Tanauan, Batangas*	5:45 AM
St. Thomas Aquianas Parish, *Sto. Thomas, Batangas*	5:15 AM
Immaculate Conception Parish, *Malvar, Batangas*	8:00 AM
Parokya ng Immaculada Concepcion, *Antipolo City*	6:00 AM
Christ the King Parish, *Green Meadows Ave., Q.C.*	6:00 AM
San Nicolas De Tolentino Parish, *Congressional Subd., Q.C.*	6:00 AM
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, *Jersey, R.A., Project 8, Q.C.*	6:00 AM
Shrine of Mary, Queen of Peace Our Lady of EDSA	6:30 AM
Chapel of Our Lady of Mediatrix of all Grace, *Lipa City*	6:00 AM
Shrine of Our Lady of Manaoag, *Manaoag, Pangasinan* (October 12, 2001)	7:00 AM
Don Bosco Seminary Chapel, *Canlubang, Calamba, Laguna*	6:00 AM
St. Benedict Catholic Church, *8110 Jewel Lake Road Anchorage Alaska, USA*	7:45PM
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, *2901 Huffman Road, Anchorage Alaska, USA*	12:00 PM
Holy Family Cathedral, *800 W 6th Ave., Anchorage, Alaska, USA*	6:00 AM
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ANNOUNCEMENT

Pursuant to *Memorandum Order # 2 dated 30 July 2001 of the Department of Agriculture re: Prescribing the Accreditation of Contractors for Slaughterhouse Facilities and Fabricators of Slaughterhouse Equipment*, the following contractors and fabricators have satisfactorily passed the criteria and have complied with the requirements set forth by the ***Contractors and Fabricators Evaluation and Accreditation Committee (CFEAC) of the DA-NMIC***, to wit:

A. CONTRACTORS	Category
1. Sargasso Construction Development Corp.	AAA
2. 4F, Steel Builders Corporation	AA
3. Raymac, Inc.	AA
4. JMHR Builders Corp.	AA
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B. FABRICATORS	Category
1. Triumph Products	AAA
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8. Social Reconstruction for Progress, Inc.	A

The Category AAA can undertake all Classes of slaughterhouse projects while Category AA can undertake Class A and AA slaughterhouse projects, and Category A can undertake Class A slaughterhouse projects only.

This listing is the initial batch of the NMIC Accredited Contractors and Fabricators that can be allowed to participate in the bidding of projects funded in the Abattoir Development Program. Contact numbers/persons and address can be secured from the NMIC..

However, this accreditation is without prejudice to a continuing accreditation for expansion of the list of Accredited Project Slaughterhouse Contractors and Slaughterhouse Equipment Contractors.

By Authority of the Secretary of Agriculture
(Sgd.) **EFREN C. NUESTRO**
Executive Director

(PDI – Oct. 11, 2001)

INQUIRER TRiViA

By BONG BARRAMEDA

Know your nose

Q. Is there a right way of blowing one's nose?

A. Ear, nose and throat specialists say the safest way to blow your nose is to clear one nostril at a time—pressing gently on one side while blowing out through the other. Applying pressure when blowing your nose is dangerous: it may rupture an eardrum or send bacteria into the ears or sinus cavities. If your nose is congested, clear it regularly before mucus has a chance to build up.

Name Game. Kleenex. The well-known make of tissue paper has a name that denotes its purpose: to *clean* and to take the dirt out (Latin *ex*). Today we use it as a disposable handkerchief, but that was not its original purpose as conceived by its manufacturer, Kimberly-Clark, following World War I. Named Kleenex Kerchiefs, the 'Sanitary Cold Cream Remover' was promoted as a disposable substitute for cloth facial towels, a 'scientific way' to remove rouge, foundation, powder, and lipstick. But in 1919, men questioned why it was not promoted as a disposable handkerchief, and wives complained that husbands were blowing their noses in their cold-cream Kerchiefs. When the pop-up tissue box was invented two years later, the trade name Kleenex was on its way to becoming a generic term for tissue paper.

Past Forward. This day in 1919: The first airline in-flight meals were served on board a Handley-Page Transport flight and took the form of pre-packed lunch boxes offered on the airline's London-Paris route. The meals weren't free—they cost 3 British shillings (28 US cents) each.

WORD WATCH

Kahon: from the Spanish *cajon*, 'large box, bin.'

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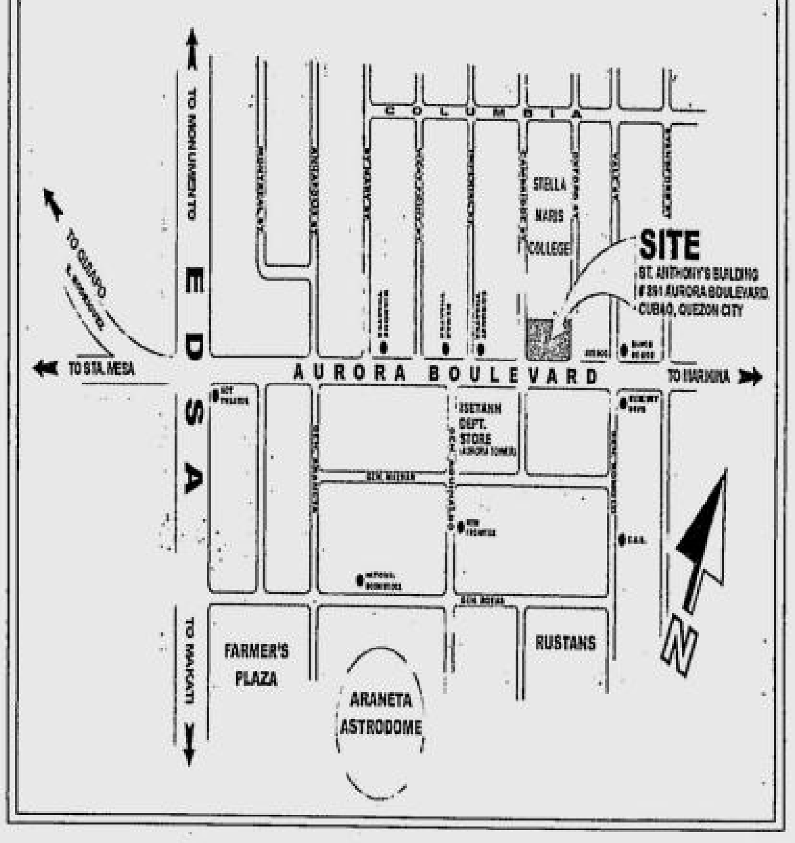

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MAYBELLE

WHO LIVES IN THE LOVE OF HER HUSBAND **CALOY**
AND IN THE HEART OF THEIR DAUGHTER **CARA**

SHE GAVE THEM JOY AND BEAUTY AND MEMORIES
OF LAUGHTER IN THE RAIN.

MAYBELLE TIRO CRUZ

October 26, 1957 -- October 10, 2001

Beloved wife of **Carlo L. Cruz** and mother of their daughter **Cara**

Her deceased parents **Meynardo** and **Belle Tiro**; her sister **Eileen** and **Gilbert**; her brother **Sonny** and **Gigi**; her extended family **Isagani A.** and **Sally Cruz**, their children **Cesar** and **Annie**, **Claro**, **Karen**, **Celso** and **Alma**, **Isagani, Jr.** and **Melanie**, **Cynthia** and **Tonio**; her other relatives and friends, all of them moved by her serene and unwavering faith in Almighty God, rejoice over her birth to eternal life and the exaltation of her immortal soul.

She left at Sunset and arrived at Dawn.

Her body lies in state at the Parish Center, Our Lady of Beautiful Love, Merville Park, Parañaque City, and will be interred on October 14, 2001 at the Manila Memorial Park at 10 o'clock in the morning.

In Loving Memory

On the First Death Anniversary of

COL. VICTOR B. MAMAWAG (RET.)

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered on Friday, 12 October 2001, in the following:

San Isidro de Labrador Cathedral Malaybalay City, Bukidnon	5:45 AM
Cagayan de Oro Gardens Lumbia, Cagayan de Oro City	9:30 AM
Immaculate Conception Chapel Xavier University, Cagayan de Oro City	5:30 PM
Immaculate Conception Parish Bulua, Cagayan de Oro City	6:00 PM
St. Ignatius Chapel Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City	6:30 AM
St. Ignatius Chapel Fort Bonifacio, Makati City	6:30 AM
Santuario de San Antonio McKinley Road, Makati City	6:00 PM
Holy Cross Chapel Apovel Subd., Cagayan de Oro City Sunday, 14 October 2001	7:00 AM

In Loving Memory of

JOSEFINO "PEMPE" V. GUEVARRA

September 11, 1945 - October 11, 2000

From his wife, **Babyling**;
Children **Joyce** & **Renie**, **Jen** & **Allan**, **Ting**, **Ennif** & **Ryan**, **Tintin**, **Tiffin**, **Carlo**, **Joel** & **Malou**, **Ian**, **Nonong**, **Justine**, and **John Vi**;
Grandchildren **Beatrice**, **Jules**, **Nina**, **Rain**, **Owel** and **Sofia**.

Please join us as we offer a Holy Mass in remembrance of **DADDY**.
Thursday, 11 October 2001 at 5:00 p.m. at the Family Residence.

At the end, the only thing that counts is love... (St. Therese of the Child Jesus)

SOCORRO CRUZ NAZARENO

April 22, 1920 to October 9, 2001

Peacefully joined her Creator on October 9, 2001.

Her husband **Rustico** (†); children **Tessa** & **Dindo Alfonso**, **Boy** & **Evelyn**, **Vee** & **Jun Velasco**, **Debbie** & **Steve del Rosario**, **Rustico Jr.**; her grandchildren **Mar** & **Roby**, **Kristine** & **Colin Young**, **Carlo** & **Peach**, **Pia** & **Jim Acevedo**, **Emmanuel** & **John Paul**; **Rico**, **Dino** & **Lisset**, **Dominic**, **Trina** & **Joy**; **Francis**, **Gabby**, **Stevie**, **Mia**, **Anton** & **Joel**; great grandchildren **Kobe** & **Marco Acevedo**; relative companions **Tita Cora** and **Maricel**, request all of you to join them in thanksgiving for the gift of eternal life with the Lord.

Her remains lie in state at Santuario de San Jose, Greenhills. Daily Masses at 8:00 PM. Cremation will be on Sunday, October 14, 2001 after the 2:00 PM Mass.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be given to the Carmelite Sisters, Gilmore, Quezon City.

LIGLIWA FERRER CAINDEC

BSED, University of the Philippines Class '52

Died peacefully in the Grace of our Lord on October 8, 2001 at the age 69.

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Pag-Ibig plans ₱8B worth of bond issues to finance projects

By Elena R. Torrijos

THE HOME Mutual Development Fund or Pag-Ibig plans to issue as much as P8 billion in bonds over the next three years in order to meet its housing commitments, Pag-Ibig executive vice president Romerio Federico Quimbo said.

Pag-Ibig yesterday launched P2 billion worth of bonds maturing in five years and one day with a coupon of 8 percent payable semi-annually. Proceeds of the bonds will be used to finance about 10,000 housing units. The Home Insurance Guaranty Corp. has provided a cash guarantee cover on the bonds.

Quimbo said the planned P8 billion worth of additional bond flotation would be used partly to fund P10 billion in programmed housing mortgages per year for the next five years.

For this year, he said Pag-Ibig has to service P16 billion in maturing obligations to members. While the government agency has a special reserved land to cover this amount, it was deemed insufficient for the financial requirements of its housing commitments. Over the next several years, its maturing obligations were estimated to reach P3 billion per year.

The maturing obligations include the total payments made by members over a 20-year period from enrollment in the Pag-Ibig program, the counterpart contributions provided by their employers and the interest income of these contributions.

Pag-Ibig officials said the agency has an outstanding loan portfolio of P42 billion and a default rate of 30 percent.

The bonds launched by Pag-Ibig yesterday were considered allowable investments of insurance companies. They can also be used as collateral for the developers' loans from the housing agency and as surety deposit. For investor-developers, investment in bonds is a mode of compliance to Section 18 of RA 7279 also known as the urban development and housing act of 1992. This requires developers "to develop an area for socialized housing equivalent to at least 20 percent of the total subdivision area or cost."

The Development Bank of the Philippines has been tapped to register, service and hold in trust the bonds.

YEAREND TARGET

Peso seen to hit 51-52 to $1

By Clarissa S. Batino

THE MACAPAGAL administration is kissing its ambitious P50-to-US$1 exchange rate target by year-end goodbye.

Sources from the economic team said the inter-agency Development Budget Coordination Council would likely revise the exchange rate outlook for the year. From the original exchange rate target of P50 to $1, the DBCC now sees the peso at about 51 to 52 against the dollar by yearend.

Even the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas admitted that the target might no longer be realistic after export prospects dimmed. Government economic planners and local exporters earlier said this year's exports might contract by 15 percent.

"The P50 to a dollar (exchange rate) target seems difficult to attain now because of what is happening to our exports," said BSP Governor Rafael Buenaventura.

Swiss-based UBS Warburg, in its recent study, said the peso might reach 55 to a dollar by year-end.

"Looking ahead, we do not believe the peso's rally can be sustained. Apart from concerns about the budget deficit, UBSW expects the yen will weaken to 130 to a dollar by year-end (which can also affect the peso)," the study noted.

Yesterday, the peso closed at 51.791 to a dollar from 51.80 the other day. Traders said the volatile condition of the global market weighed down not only on local stocks but also on the local currency.

Buenaventura said that even Malacañang was aware that the situation has changed, particularly after the Sept. 11 attacks on the United States.

A trader from a foreign bank said it would be foolish for the government to keep its peso-dollar target to the P50 to $1 level when the Japanese government had said it would devalue the yen.

The government had wanted to keep its original exchange rate target particularly after an aggressive campaign initiated by the BSP and the Department of Finance against speculators helped ease the pressure on the peso.

The peso slid to an intra-day low of 54.335 to a dollar last July 17, its lowest under the Macapagal administration. Only the central bank's aggressive intervention in the market helped the peso to recover on that day.

Traders expect the peso to be rangebound between 51 and 51.40 to a dollar in the coming weeks in the absence of any positive developments in the country.

Another factor expected to affect the exchange rate level is the projected decline in the foreign exchange remittances from overseas Filipino workers.

The central bank is counting on a stable dollar inflow from overseas workers this year to boost the peso. In the first half of the year, dollar remittances amounted to about $2.7 billion. For the whole year, the amount is expected to reach $6 billion.

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DOE expects delay in Napocor sale

BAGUIO CITY—The market slowdown due to the United States-led military campaign against terrorists may delay the privatization of the power industry, Energy Secretary Vicente Perez said here on Wednesday.

But Malacañang has been institutionalizing all the "pro-poor" provisions of the Electric Industry Reform Act (Eira) to help keep power costs down for the next few years until both the economy and the industry get back on track, Perez said.

"The economy's growth may slow down, but demand for electricity is increasing. It is not like power is dependent on how much we export abroad," he said.

Perez was here on Wednesday to address the Baguio leg of a nationwide consultation on the draft implementing rules and regulations that will guide the Eira.

He also said the government has offered to shoulder or even condone the loans acquired by at least 119 rural electric cooperatives from the National Electrification Administration (NEA).

But debt condonation will depend on a performance audit of these rural electric cooperatives, he stressed.

Perez said a 30-centavo cutback in consumer bills across the country was an initial "pro-poor" measure. The cutback, which was applied in July, is based on the expected operational savings the government believes it can generate from the sale of National Power Corp.

Malacañang will soon apply a specific rate for indigent consumers which will cut their power consumption costs for as long as 10 years, provided the power industry market has stabilized, Perez added.

In a press conference that preceded the consultations, he said government economists had prepared Malacañang for a "worst-case scenario," as local exporters predict a 15-percent decline in exports and analysts project a 4-percent growth rate in the country's gross domestic product (GDP).

These economic forecasts could discourage investors from participating in Napocor's auction, said Edgardo del Fonso, president of the Private Sector Assets and Liabilities Management Corp. (Psalm).

Del Fonso said Psalm already suspended a proposed $400-million bond flotation to cover Napocor's stranded costs, until "the turbulent capital market stabilizes toward the end of the year."

Perez said the government would not speed up its power restructuring measures because of its inherent effect on prices.

"The law is not trying to rush (privatization). There is danger in rushing power restructuring because it might create some price shocks. The law is very clear; we have a timetable (and) we have to follow it. Open access (to the power industry) doesn't occur until four years from now, and in four years we have many things to do. So this is a gradual (adjustment even if the war impacts on the country)," he said. ***Vincent Cabreza, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau***

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AMA offers Microsoft Office certification program

AS PROFICIENCY in Microsoft Office becomes a major factor considered by companies in hiring prospective employees and in achieving work efficiency, the AMA Education System (Amaes), Microsoft's global partner, offers training and validation exams for Microsoft Office users through Microsoft Office User Specialist (MOUS) Program.

MOUS, which started in 1998, is the standard, globally accepted validation of desktop skills for the Microsoft Office developed managed and owned by Nivo International and endorsed by Microsoft Training and Certification.

Based on the study in the United States conducted by Southern Illinois University, 80 percent of MOUS certified increases credibility in workplace. Another survey says companies pay certified employees 20 percent more and 30 percent of US companies pay bonuses to certified employees.

The exams, which last for 90 minutes, cover Office 97 and 2000 with three levels each: proficient, expert and master. Under Office 97, examinees should pass either MS Word or MS Excel, while the next level requires passing MS Word, MS Excel, MS Powerpoint or MS Access. To get a MOUS Office 97 master certification, an examinee should pass all the exams covered in the expert level.

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In the Philippines, 12 AMA IQcenters are located at AMA Computer Colleges (AMACC) in Project 8, Quezon City, Makati City, East Rizal and Pasig City, AMA Computer Learning Centers (ACLC) in Mandaluyong, Muñoz, España, Iloilo, Cebu and Davao and AMA Telecommunications and Electronics Centers (Amatel) in Cubao and San Pedro.

Testing is available in Spanish, Japanese, German, Dutch, Italian, Swedish, French, Norwegian, Portuguese (BR), and English. Office 2000 will soon be localized in Korean and Chinese.

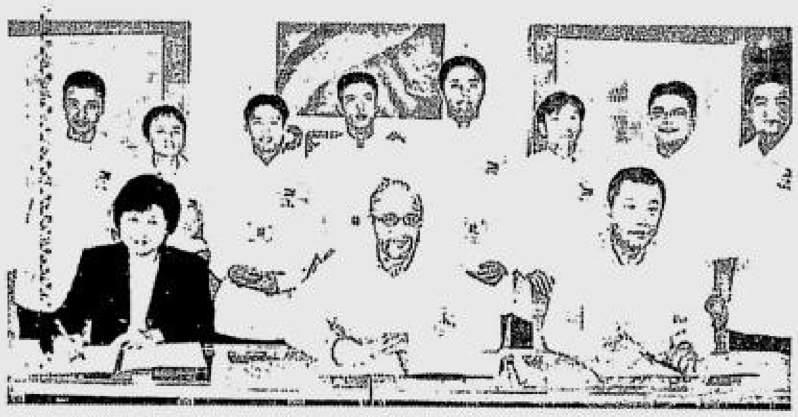
For particulars, call Amaes Global Education Services Business Development manager Merlinda E. Lodronio at 372-6436 or at MELodronio@amaes.edu.ph.

METROBANK ACCEPTS FIRST UNION PREMIUM PAYMENTS

Metrobank, the country's number one bank, recently entered into a payment collection agreement with First Union Plans, a local pre-need company. Under the agreement, First Union planholders working or living in Hong Kong may now pay their pre-need premiums through any of the branches of Metrobank's wholly owned deposit-taking company First Metro International Investment Corp. (FMIIC) and subsidiary MB Remittance Center Ltd. in Hong Kong. Shown (from left) are Metrobank assistant vice president Juanito Liwanag, senior executive vice president Angelito Villanueva, First Metro Investment Corp. (FMIC) president Francis Sebastian, First Union chair Edwin Bautista, president and general manager Lorenzo Villamor, and director Teodoro Panganiban after the agreement-signing. FMIIC and MB Remittance have a combined network of nine branches, all of which are centrally located and easily accessible. Of this number, four are within the Hong Kong side – three at the Worldwide House and one at the United Centre Building in Central; three are within the New Territories, namely Newton Plaza I in Shatin, Lik Sang Plaza in Tsuen Wan, and Richland Garden in Tuen Mun; one is in Commercial Centre Park Vale, Quarry Bay; and one is in Star House Building, Kowloon.

LUCKY EK VISITOR

Enchanted Kingdom's The Wizard hands the golden key to Cesar Angelo Chavez III, who was randomly picked as the first winner of EK's 'Lucky Visitor of the Week' rainy day promo. The weekend promo entitled the lucky guest and up to four of his companions to be the day's VIPs at the park–absolutely no queuing for rides, a personal park escort, complimentary lunch or dinner, complimentary commemorative photo with the Wizard and Princess Victoria and loads of goodies from Enchanted Kingdom Souvenir Shops, Pepsi, Knottsberry Farm, Wrigley's and other sponsors. The lucky winner was with his special friend TJ Macasaet, who was also extended the same courtesies. For Chavez, it was the best surprise he received that day, which incidentally, was his birthday. Joining The Wizard in giving the duo a celebrity welcome were other EK mascots and Linus Lopez (extreme right) of Enchanted Kingdom entertainment department.



PETRON SUPPORTS RP TAEKWONDO

Petron Corp. Philippines renewed its partnership with the Philippine Taekwondo Association (PTA) during a formal contract signing held recently at the Petron Mega Plaza. Petron president and CEO Motassim A. Al-Ma'ashouq (center) and advertising and promotions manager Charmaine V. Canillas sealed the agreement with PTA vice president Sung Chon Hong with members of the Philippine Taekwondo team as witness. Petron's first sponsorship of the team was during the Sydney 2000 Olympics. Since then, Petron has supported PTA's participation in other international competitions as well as local championships, the most recent of which was the 2001 World Cup Taekwondo Championships held in Vietnam where the Petron Philippine team took home 1 silver and 3 bronze medals.

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NPP'S CONTINUING COMMITMENT

National Panasonic Sales Phils. (NPP), a division of Matsushita Electric Phils. Corp. (Mepco) recently held its annual dealers convention dubbed 'A Continuing Commitment' at the Waterfront Hotel in Cebu City. For the past 34 years, Mepco has used the most advanced technologies to promote a better quality of life for Filipinos. Shown is Eiji Iida, president of NPP, thanking the 250 nationwide dealer-members for an esteemed business partnership. Iida vowed to continue to enhance the brand image of National Panasonic.

Christmas Bazaar 2001: The world's best at bargain prices

THIS YEAR'S Christmas celebration promises to be exceptionally exciting and full of surprises. And we have Worldbex Services International to thank as it makes sure that Christmas 2001 will be truly memorable.

From Dec. 19 to 25, Worldbex brings to our midst the World Bazaar Festival–a gathering of international traders and manufacturers who will sell their wares at drop-down prices for seven straight days in a run-up to Christmas Day.

Not to be lost in the frenzy of holiday celebration, however, is the social mission behind the grand Christmas bazaar, because the world bazaar is as well a charity event whose main beneficiary is the Bantay Bata 163 of the ABS-CBN Foundation.

Joseph Ang, Worldbex founding president, said the foundation which ministers to abused children is a natural choice as program beneficiary. "In our own little way, we want to contribute something for the kids, specially at this time of the year," Ang said.

The World Bazaar Festival, dubbed as the biggest ever to hit Philippine shores, is envisioned by the organizers as the place to be for total Christmas shopping where anything one needs for the holiday season is available at low prices. And shopping will practically be a breeze because of the spacious 8,000-sqm exhibition area.

The bazaar, to be held at World Trade Center in Pasay City, will open at 2 p.m. and close at 12 midnight. This will give shoppers ample time to do their Christmas buying at such extended shopping hours.

It will be a virtual showcase of the world's best at fabulously bargain prices.

Among the items for sale are gift items, books, music products, house wares, kitchen wares, handicrafts, handmade products, novelties, bath and body, clothing, fashion jewelry, souvenir items, toys, sporting goods, travel goods, leather goods, stationery, office and school supplies, gift boxes, gift wrapping, paper products, packaging, home and office furnishing, car accessories, telecommunication accessories, footwear, perfumes and plastic wares.

To complete the treat for children, Worldbex has arranged for Santa Claus to come over straight from Finland where kids can give their Christmas wish and have their photos taken with the famous icon of the holiday season. Also, a universal kids' paradise and play land is being constructed where kids can enjoy themselves while their parents shop.

For the ''star-struck'', a special section has been allotted for celebrities who will sell their Christmas merchandise--a wonderful time to oogle at and haggle with the celebrities. The International Village, meanwhile, will feature goods from around the world.

Other featured pavilions at the World Bazaar is the Candyland which lines up a wide selection of candies and other kiddie treats, the Deliland which sells Chrismas hams, sausages and the like, the Fruitland which features a wide variety of fruits, and the Toyland--a showcase of toys for all ages.

For interested exhibitors, please call Worldbex Services International at 488 Boni Avenue corner San Joaquin Street, Mandaluyong City at 531-6374 and 531-6350, or e-mail worldbex@pacific.net.ph

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Insurance giant Cocolife and Digital Architects-Ingenium Technology Inc. held its contract signing ceremonies at Raleigh, North Carolina, for Cocolife's acquisition of the CIS Life Insurance Software developed by Ingenium following the project kick-off festivities here in the Philippines. Ingenium's solid expertise in the insurance and IT industry will handle Cocolife's business process requirements. Shown are (from left) Tony Isidro-AVP projects, Ingenium; Basilio Lasco Jr., vice president and general manager, Ingenium; Larry Ocampo, president, Ingenium; Carina Corona, SVP operations, Cocolife; Paul Virtue, president, Amerillium Systems Inc.; Alfredo Tumacder, president, Cocolife; and Glenn Igual, ITD head, Cocolife.

NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE APPOINTS AD AGENCY

New York Life Insurance, one of the most prestigious life insurance companies in the world, recently appointed Foote, Cone and Belding Worldwide (FCB) as its new advertising agency. They are set to launch Universal Life Insurance, a flexible premium, flexible benefit product that provides a protection element plus an investment element. Shown sealing the deal are New York Life Insurance SVP and chief marketing officer Danile Amodeo, New York Life Insurance president and CEO George May and FCB Worldwide president Arnold Liong.

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DECS celebrates oral health

CONTINUING with its objective to promote oral health care awareness among Filipino children, the Department of Education is celebrating Schoolchildren's Oral Health Awareness Week from Oct. 7 to 13. Events of the week-long celebration include brushing skills, Fluoride rinsing and oral inspection for Grade 1 to 3 public school students, dental treatments for first graders to be rendered by local chapters of the Philippine Dental Association, and reinforcement of the four prime oral health messages of the Bright Smiles, Bright Futures program.

Effective public governance seminar

THE CAREER Executive Service Board (CESB) will conduct a workshop called the Integrated Executive Leadership Program from Oct. 11 to 25 at the Rembrant Hotel in Quezon City and Punta Baluarte in Calatagan, Batangas. CESB director Normita L. Villanueva said that instead of the three different courses—Salamin, Diwa and Gabay—conducted separately, the Integrated ELP will integrate the three courses into a single basic training program. Executives who wish to participate may call 951-4981 to 88 (locals 108, 109, 113), or send an e-mail to ptcds@cesboard.gov.ph.

Distribution selling seminar

LEARN how to boost your sales by applying a systematic approach to selling to supermarkets, groceries, market stalls, department stores and other retail trade outlets through the "Distribution Selling: The Systematic Approach" seminar/workshop of Mansmith and Fielders Inc. on Oct. 12 and 13 at the Manila Galleria Suites. The seminar will teach six modules involved in selling to the trade effectively. Seminar speaker is Rowen Paul Untivero. For inquiries call 723-6671, 416-4662, or e-mail info@mansmith.net.

Asian Spirit resumes Baguio flights

ASIAN Spirit, the country's fourth flag carrier, has announced the resumption of scheduled flights to Baguio's Loakan Airport effective Friday, Oct. 12. Asian Spirit sales and marketing head Lingling Rodriguez said it has been given clearance by operations division to resume flights to Baguio. "We will be offering five flights a week to and from Baguio." The airline would be using its new 40-seater CN235s for Baguio flights.

People, Events & Products

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A great ad from a great cast

The bonding Zest-O juice enjoys with Filipino kids spans for 20 years. Practically a whole generation of kids held Zest-O close to their hearts, that's why it remains to be the number one RTD juice drink in the country today. With this in mind, Zest-O capped its 20th anniversary with a new TV commercial starring no less than Jolina Magdangal and megged by talented director Henry Frejas, with cinematography by Raymond Red.

Working with Jolina was really a breeze. One even commented, "*S'ya na ata and pinakamagandang katrabaho*". She was very patient and cooperative.

The shoot proved to be a fun and enjoyable one. Everybody was in high spirits despite the weather. Surprisingly, the kids were very "directable" too. They were also cooperative and patient. Nonetheless, when they saw Jolina Magdangal on the set, they were unstoppable. Right there and then, Jolina gamely obliged to their requests for her autograph and souvenir pictures.

The TV shoot had plenty of light moments. During one of the takes, the kids were caught, on cam, dancing to the jingle. It was cute, fun, and a good indicator that the Zest-O jingle had high recall. At the end of the day everyone was already singing the jingle. When the shoot ended the director yelled, "It's a wrap!" Everyone knew this was going to be a great Zest-O commercial.

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WINNING SMILE FROM WINNING TEAM

Team AK7 got its first championship ever from the recently concluded PCFBL-Aces Basketball League Steel Asia Cup. The championship game was held Aug. 25 at the Tanduay Gym versus the Welcoat Team. The players are (front row, from left) architect Wilbert Tan, Louie Kaw, architect Sherwin Sia and Jose Tablate Sr. Standing, from left, are Nilo Gania, Noel Lee, Romy Rejuso, Alcindor Kaw, Lowell Lim (Boysen Paint representative), team manager Alfonso 'Achit' Kaw, Karl Kaw, Dominador Jamorabon, and architect Barnaby Kaw.

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25th Session and 60th Executive Committee Meeting of FAO-Animal Production Health Commission for Asia and the Pacific
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APHCA VISITS CDO PLANT

Delegates of the recently concluded 25th conference of the Animal Production Health Commission of the Asia and the Pacific (APHCA) was given a tour of the plant facilities of CDO-Foodsphere Inc. in Valenzuela as part of the week-long meet attended by representatives from 17 countries of the Asia-Pacific region. On hand to welcome the visitors led by APHCA chair and Bureau of Animal Industry executive director Dr. Jose Molina were CDO officials headed by its president and general manager Jerome D. Ong.

CHSAF, B76 WOMEN'S FORUM

Together with the College of the Holy Spirit Alumnae Foundation, B76 silver jubilarian college batch sponsored Sept. 22 a women's forum titled 'The Filipina in Social Transformation' held at the Skyline Gallery of Wynsum Corporate Plaza. Shown from left are Marivic Anonuevo, first VP, CHSAF; Vere Laxamana, president, CHSAF; Erly de Guzman, B76 chair; guest speaker lawyer Katrina Legarda, TV host and partner, Villamor Legarda and Associates; lawyer Teresita Herbosa of the Accra Law Office; Dolly Gabriel, Cynthia Perez, Neiza Navarette and Angie Madried, officers of B76.

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Noel Christmas bazaars, part I

GMA Network and Cali invite you to an entire weekend of early Christmas shopping. Find superb wares and merchandise to satisfy your every craving this season. It's the first Noel Christmas Bazaar at the Manila Polo Club on Oct. 13 and 14. All efforts help the Bantayog ng mga Bayani Foundation and its aim to mount the Martyrs and Heroes Memorial and start a scholarship fund for the children left behind by the martyrs. The bazaar is also brought to you by Pacific Plans, Grepalife Assurance Corp., E-SEO Web Promotions and IT Services, Nextel Communications, INQ-7, Pearl of the Pacific and the Philippine Daily Inquirer. For inquiries, call CUT Unlimited at 371-7405, 371-7398 or 373-3601 local 216, or e-mail eventsonly@edsamail.com.ph.

The right address

IN THE ASCENDAS Supplement published in the Inquirer Oct. 3, Wednesday, the G&W Architects Special Projects Division congratulatory advertisement contained the company's wrong address. The correct address is W2305-A West Tower, PSE Centre, Exchange Road, Ortigas Center, Pasig City. The company's telephone numbers are (632) 635-5375 to 77, (632) 637-0234 to 36; fax (632) 631-0598; e-mail: gw_spd@mindgate.net.

Real estate seminar

NOEL N. Cobangbang, president of the Real Estate Brokers Association of the Philippines (Rebap) Caloocan City Chapter, announced the 18th Comprehensive Real Estate Seminar and Review on Oct. 13, 20, 27, Nov. 3 and 10, Saturdays, 1 to 6 p.m. at Aristocrat Restaurant, Muñoz branch, Edsa corner Congressional Avenue, Quezon City. Interested parties are invited to visit the Rebap Caloocan office at 956-E Aurora Boulevard, Quezon City, or call Jenny Ontimare/Jane Piamonte at 438-2966, or Vicky/Michelle at 373-2280/81 for more details. The seminar and review is aimed at preparing the participants for the brokers' licensure exams to be given by the BTRCP of the Department of Trade and Industry on Nov. 25 in Quezon City.

City Lite shows

JAZZ prince Richard Merk performs at The Prince (formerly Prince of Wales) Greenbelt at 9:30 p.m. tonight in "Richard Takes Three." On Oct. 16 at 8 p.m. at OnStage Greenbelt, Verni Varga and Bituin Escalante—true-blue divas—will give vent to lung power for "Divas...All That Jazz." This event is sponsored by Pacific Speed Surf, New York Life Insurance, Equitable Bank and Caltex Havoline. For inquiries, call City Lite 88.3 hotline at 631-8803.

Learn leadership from leaders

LET'S Go Lead, a program that conducts leadership seminars, will hold its third session titled "Resource Planning Through Integrity, Credibility, Communication and Negotiation Skills" on Oct. 12, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at DLSU-PSI, 5th floor Tower 2 RCBC Plaza, Ayala corner Gil Puyat Avenues, Makati City. Let's Go Lead provides learning and seminars on values and skills for effective leadership. The program is headed by Jay Bernardo, president and CEO of Jad Group of Companies. Seminar fee is P2,500, inclusive of meals. For inquiries call Doan Alicante or Sophia Singanon at 839-0184 to 86, or e-mail letsgo@jadgc.com. Visit www.letsgo.com.ph.

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DIRECTIVE FOR CHIEF OF POLICE AND STATION COMMANDERS OF PNP TO CONDUCT PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION ON THE VIOLATION OF THE BAN ON FIREARMS AND SECURITY PERSONNEL IN CONNECTION WITH THE NOVEMBER 26, 2001 ELECTIONS IN THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO (ARMM)

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RESOLUTION NO. 4604

WHEREAS, the Chief State Prosecutors, Provincial Prosecutors, City Prosecutors and their Assistants are on a continuing deputation to conduct the preliminary investigation and prosecution of election offense under Section 2, Rule 34 of the Comelec Rules of Procedure;

WHEREAS, under this deputation, the Chief State Prosecutor, Provincial Prosecutor, City Prosecutor and their assistants are authorized to handle the preliminary investigation of alleged violations of the ban on the bearing, carrying and transporting of firearms and the employment of security personnel;

WHEREAS, there are municipalities which are far from the provincial capital or cities where these prosecutors are based;

NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of its power vested in the Constitution, the Omnibus Election Code, and other election laws, the Commission on Elections RESOLVED to promulgate, as it hereby promulgates, as follows:

SECTION 1. Preliminary Examination by Chief of Police. — In areas where there are no prosecutors, the Chief of Police or his duly authorized representative is directed to conduct the preliminary examinations on all apprehensions for violation of the ban on the bearing, carrying and transporting of firearms and on the employment of security personnel.

SECTION 2. Procedure. — **a)** Treat the arrested person humanely and with utmost respect and inform him of his constitutional rights, as follows:

1] the right to be informed of his right to remain silent and to have competent and independent counsel, preferably of his own choice, and if he cannot afford the services of his counsel, he will be provided with one;

2] the right to remain silent, which cannot be waived except in writing and in the presence of counsel;

3] the right to have competent and independent counsel preferably of his own choice, and if he cannot afford the services of counsel, he will be provided with one, which right cannot be waived except in writing and in the presence of counsel;

4] the right to be released from detention if no charges have been filed against him within eighteen (18) hours from the arrest, unless they are charged under PD 1866.

b) The Chief of Police or his duly authorized investigator shall:

1] take the statement of the respondent;

2] require the affidavit of the arresting officer or policeman indicating therein the fact of arrest and the circumstances surrounding the arrest;

3] confiscate the firearm and issue the proper receipt therefore; and

4] finally cause the respondent to sign an affidavit binding himself to be present at the preliminary investigation at a later date before the prosecutor and that failure to do so shall constitute a waiver to present evidence for his defense.

c) The Chief of Police shall turn over the above documents and evidence to the nearest provincial/city prosecutor at the earliest possible time.

SECTION 3. Effectivity. — This resolution shall take effect on the day after its publication in two (2) daily newspapers of general circulation.

SECTION 4. Dissemination. — The Education and Information Department shall furnish copies thereof to the Director General of the Philippine National Police, Secretary of Justice, the Provincial and City Prosecutors and the Chief of Police of municipalities and cities in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, the Regional Election Directors of Regions IX and XII, the Provincial Election Supervisors and the municipal/city Election Officers in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, and give this Resolution the widest publicity and dissemination.

SO ORDERED.

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Ford marks Expedition triple feat

BY CHARLES
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FORD Expedition

IF year 2001 would end right this very instant, then Ford has enough reason to uncork its champagnes this early. Just last month, the country's favorite full-size SUV celebrated three major achievements enough to wrap up the year with flying colors.

One million units sold

As the last Expedition for the day rolled off the assembly line at the Michigan Truck Plant, the waiting Ford people burst in jubilation as they welcomed unit number one million. The feat came last month when Ford Expedition sales have reached the one-millionth mark.

"The Expedition is indeed a favorite choice, offering functionality, safety, security and comfort that full-size SUV customers demand," says Dave Gutman, Ford Group Philippines' vice president for marketing and sales.

In the Philippines, the Ford Expedition has been a top-seller since it was introduced in the country in 1998. Just last year, it was voted as the best-selling full-size SUV in the country. "Right now, this country has over 3,600 Expeditions running the thoroughfares," estimates Gutman.

Topping initial quality study

Recently, the Expedition was also named the segment award winner for Best Full-Size SUV in the J.D. Power and Associates Initial Quality Study. The J.D. Power Initial Quality Study, which is now on its 15th year, is considered the automobile industry benchmark of quality for vehicles during the first three months of ownership.

Results of the 2001 IQS are based on more than 54,000 new vehicle owners and lessees surveyed after 90 days of ownership and covered 135 potential problem symptoms.

J.D. Power and Associates, an international firm with headquarters in Agoura Hills, California, is best known for its marketing information services in key business sectors including market research, forecasting and customer satisfaction.

Five-star rating

Expedition owners have reason to celebrate, too. The Ford SUV recently earned a double five-star rating in the US governmental frontal crash testing performed by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

The Expedition was able to earn the NHTSA's top rating because of additional enhancements to its restraint system. For 2001, the Expedition's safety belt system is equipped with technologies called pretensioners and energy management retractors. Pretensioners are special devices located in the retractors of the front-seat safety belts. They tighten the belts and help prevent belted occupants from sliding around during a crash.

Not only that, the Expedition also offers a second-generation driver and front passenger airbag Supplemental Restraint System that provide protection in frontal collision.

"We recognize that the Expedition is a family vehicle that is used for short and long trips. These safety features only assure that they get to their destination worry-free," assures Gutman.

The Expedition is currently priced at P1.69 million through nine authorized Ford dealerships located in Alabang, Balintawak, Edsa, Makati, Libis, (provincial outlets) Cebu, Cabanatuan, Pampanga and Davao.

Citibank, Shell bring F1 thrill to Manila

THE THRILL, excitement and drama associated with Formula One racing never fail to captivate motor sports aficionados worldwide. Whether held in the United States, Australia, France, Portugal, Italy, Germany, Belgium or England, F1 racing is sure to draw crowds.

Small wonder then that fans of F1 racing continue to grow worldwide, especially those that root for Ferrari and famed driver Michael Schumacher. Now, thanks to the Shell-Citibank MasterCard and Shell Helix, fans of F1 racing in Manila will have the rare and exciting opportunity to take a closer look at one of the legendary cars that played a major part in Schumacher's nonpareil career—F399.

The F399 is a mean racing machine, responsible for Schumacher's victories in the 1999 San Marino and Monaco Grand Prix. Recently unveiled at the Ayala Center Cebu, it will be showcased in Metro Manila malls at the following dates: until today at the Glorietta Activity Center; Oct. 12-14 at the Shangri-La Edsa Mall; and Oct. 19-21 at the Power Plant Mall, Rockwell.

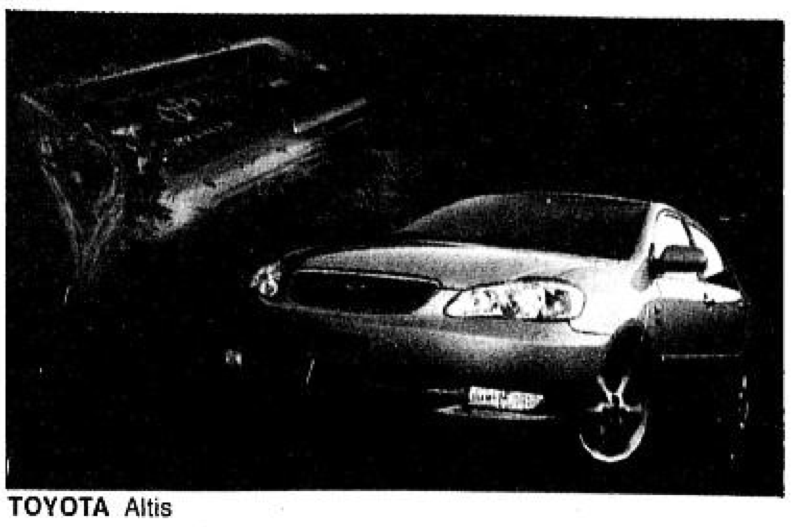
During the event, visitors can expect lots of treats and surprises. Shell-Citibank MasterCard members can have their photos taken next to the winning car for free. Simply present your credit card to the booth and you can take home this rare photo of you and the F399.

For those who don't have the card yet, this is a great time to apply for one. Fill up an application form, which you can get at the booth, and have a free souvenir photo with the F399 as your welcome gift. Also, you will receive Shell fuel for free if your application is approved. Shell Citibank Classic MasterCard approved applicants will get one full tank of Shell fuel free, while Gold cardholders will be entitled to two free full tanks.

The F399 is an engineering wonder. Its 3000 Ferrari (type 048) 80° V10 engine churns out over 750 break horsepower, enabling Schumacher to leave the competition behind. Its fuel and lubrication come from Shell, one of the most experienced fuel and lubricants partners in motor sports.

The car has a total displacement of 2,997 cc and features 40 valves of timing gear. A Magneti Marelli digital electronic injection system feeds fuel to the car while its ignition is ably handled by a Magneti Marelli static. The F399's transmission consists of a rear-wheel drive, longitudinal semi-automatic sequential, electronically controlled seven-speed gearbox and limited slip-differential.

F399



TOYOTA Altis

Toyota dominates September auto sales

TOYOTA emerged anew as the highest selling automotive firm in the country last month based on the latest figures from the Chamber of Automotive Manufacturers of the Philippines Inc. (Campi).

Toyota Motor Philippines Corp. sold a total of 1,934 units garnering a market share of 25 percent in September. Toyota's flagship models—the new Corolla Altis and the Tamaraw FX Revo—both emerged as the best selling models in the passenger car and commercial vehicle categories, respectively

The TMPC attributes its strong sales showing to the successful launch of the new Corolla Altis, which was just introduced last July. Strong market demand for the new Altis resulted to strong sales figures for September with sales reaching 658 units for an almost 32 percent share of the total passenger car market.

Toyota sold a total of 828 passenger car units in September to lead the category for the second straight month. Honda, which saw its sales drop by almost 50 percent from last month, trails in second place with a total passenger car output of 379 units, 258 units of which belong to the Civic model line that was introduced earlier in the year. The recently introduced Nissan Sentra managed to outsell the Civic with total output of 298 units in September. Nissan, however, fell short to the third spot in the passenger car category with total sales of 345 units.

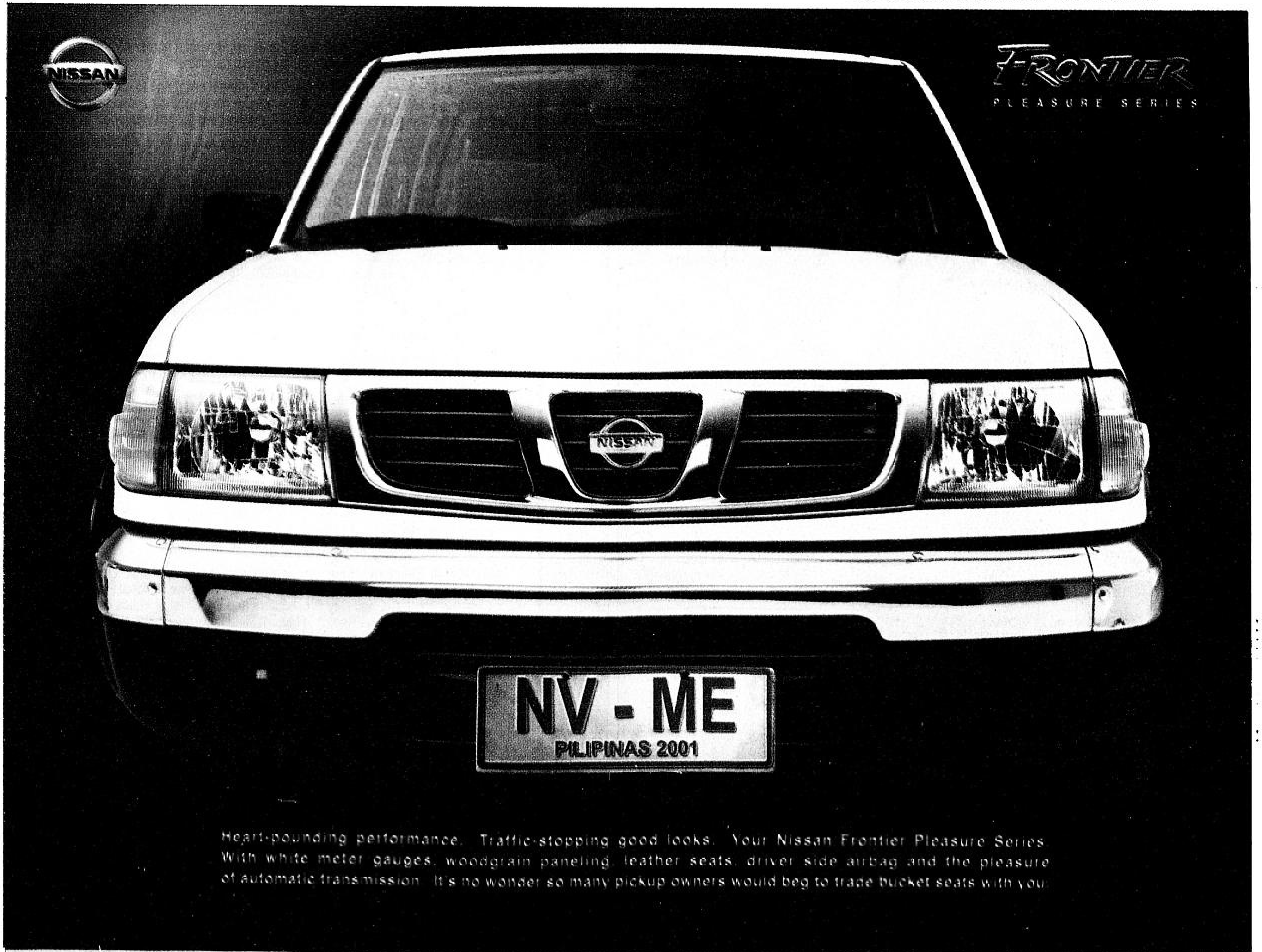
In the year-to-date total, Honda leads the passenger car category with sales of 5,892 units despite a huge drop last month. Toyota comes in second place with sales of 3,978 units while Nissan is in third with 2,765 units.

In the commercial vehicle (CV) segment, Mitsubishi topped sales last month with 1,310 units sold. Toyota is in second place with total sales of 1,106 units with Isuzu rounding out the top three with 922 units sold. The good sales performance of Mitsubishi's light commercial vehicle (LCV) models and trucks and buses contributed to the company's good CV sales in September.

The Toyota Tamaraw FX Revo asserted its reputation once again as the country's best-selling model with a total sales output of 860 units for the month to lead the AUV segment, as well as the whole commercial vehicle category. It outsold the new Adventure, which reported sales of 854 units last month. The new Isuzu Hilander completes the top three positions in the AUV category with sales of 630 units.

The erstwhile strong sales performance of the Adventure pushed Mitsubishi past Toyota in the year-to-date total of the commercial vehicle category with a total of 10,400 CV units as against the total sales of the latter—10,394 units sold from January to September. Isuzu is in third place with 7,128 units sold in the first three quarters.

In total market sales, Toyota Motor Philippines Corp. is expected to clinch its 11th year of market leadership as it continues to lead the market with total sales of 14,372 units, commanding a 25 percent share of the domestic market. Mitsubishi Motors Philippines is in second spot for the year with total sales of 12,354 units. Rounding out the third spot is Honda Cars Phils., with total sales of 71,67 units.



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NISSAN SENTRA EXALTA GRANDEUR

All we said was 'ahhhhhhh...'

BY RAYMOND B. TRIBDINO AND TESSA R. SALAZAR

KINGDOM Nissan. Familia Sentra. Genus Exalta. Species Grandeur.

"Loaded car" is an understatement when describing the Sentra Exalta Grandeur. It is an impressively engineered car, filled with an equally impressive roster of standards, at a price that is remarkably affordable.

The message Nissan is sending is clear. This is not your run-of-the-mill sedan.

Smooth revving

Raymond: Ten minutes into driving the Grandeur I sent a text message to Nissan's Tonette Lee. All it said was "ahhhhhhh..."

Tessa: The engine accelerates so smoothly and quietly, you'll forget the engine is running until you glance at the tachometer.

Raymond: Arguably, it is the smoothest running drivetrain in a sedan of this size. There is almost no shift shock, even when driven hard.

Tessa: But there is a thud up front when driving through deep ruts.

Raymond: That is the rebound of the front suspension. The spring seems to rebound a bit too quickly from compression.

Dr. Linda Laborte: Is that normal?

Raymond: I used to drive the ancestors of this car around the Subic racetrack for kicks. It always felt spot on, eerily stable and constantly pulsing with power.

Tessa: I will best describe the drive as crisp. This particular model feels very solid.

Dr. Laborte: Considering the available options versus other cars, the Sentra Grandeur is sure priced well.

Raymond: The engine employs a Valve Timing Control (VTC). Works almost like the VTEC, optimizing valve opening and closing. It is fuel-injected, employing a distributor-less ignition system totally eliminating power loss common in spark plug cables.

Dr. Laborte: Meaning?

Tessa: Meaning, it is one great engine.

Taking control

Tessa: It rained hard the second day of the test drive and I discovered how the wiper swept the windshield clean. I also liked the all around visibility.

Raymond: You are a Nissan owner, Dr. Laborte. How would you rate the handling?

Dr. Laborte: It is soft. An easy car to drive. The feel is one of isolation. You don't hear cars around you. You don't feel the road.

Tessa: Discs all around take care of stopping chores. Braking is well managed with electronic brake distribution.

Raymond: But I do feel it is under-tired with the smallish 14-inch rims.

Dr. Laborte: Don't you think there is a purpose for the smaller wheels?

Raymond: It is to provide a pliant ride, since there is more rubber between the road and the rim because of a larger profile tire.

Mini Cefiro

Raymond: Like we mentioned earlier, "loaded" fails to describe everything stuffed into this Sentra. There are power windows, a rear defroster, tilt steering column and luscious leather upholstery in two tones. The list is very, very long—requiring a whole article.

Tessa: The shifts in shades of the leather are very subtle, and provide a really luxurious and expensive feel. Beautiful.

Raymond: Front seats are very comfortable. I like the way the dashboard is laid out. Very clean and organized. The Heads-Up display gets a perfect "10."

Dr. Laborte: The cabin has an upscale feel, like a Cefiro. Outside it looks like a scaled down Cefiro. And beside other sedans, it does stand out.

Tessa: Everyone who saw it thought it was purchased at over P1 million.

Many distractions

Tessa: There are a lot of distractions in the car. Most notable is the high-tech pop-up VCD system.

Dr. Laborte: Can you actually drive with the pop-up VCD on?

Tessa: You try.

Raymond: Nissan does not recommend it. Besides, the screen is so small. And the location does not encourage easy watching for all passengers. Only the one in the middle gets a good view.

Tessa: You can call it balcony seating.

At P875,000 suggested retail price, this overloaded GS Grandeur gets an **8 out of 10** total points. It is one 1.6-liter sedan that doesn't look or feel like it. Raters enjoyed all the standard items that came with the sticker price, but felt that the VCD system could use some improvement.

Nimble diesel

ON THE ROAD

Aida Sevilla-Mendoza

IS there such a thing as a clean and nimble diesel-powered car? If you had asked me this question before last Thursday, I would have answered in the negative. Like most people who have driven diesel-fueled motor vehicles, I perceived the diesel engine to be sluggish, noisy, smoke-belching, smelly and always vibrating. These noxious characteristics often overwhelm the good points of diesel fuel, which are its lower price compared to gasoline, better fuel efficiency and emission of less greenhouse gases like carbon dioxide.

My perception of diesel technology changed totally, however, after I got to drive, one after the other, two diesel-powered BMW passenger cars last Thursday. BMW Philippines Corp. has been inviting motoring journalists to experience the finesse and power of their newest generation of high-tech diesel engines via a day trip to Tagaytay. For these sorties, BMW imported from Germany two fully assembled 3 Series cars: a silver four-door sedan powered by BMW's 2.0-liter 4-cylinder diesel engine and a black four-door sedan equipped with BMW's 3.0-liter straight-six diesel engine. The latter is the same powerplant found in the BMW X5 SUV that is now being sold by BMW dealers. BMW's 3.0-liter six-cylinder and 4.0-liter eight-cylinder engines, by the way, won the "Engine Oscar" in their respective categories last year, the International Engine of the Year Awards 2000.

The straight-six, which I drove from Makati to Tagaytay, had a small piece of paper taped to its dashboard with the word: "DIESEL" written on it. No wonder—the driver of this turbocharged 184 bhp smoothie with max torque of 410 Nm/302 lb-ft has to be constantly reminded that it's a diesel. The instant your foot presses the accelerator pedal, the engine responds with such amazing swiftness and power that you'd think you were driving a gasoline-powered high-performance car. BMW claims that its 3.0-liter six-cylinder diesel hits 100 kph from zero in 10.5 seconds and cruises at a top speed of 200 kph. Judging from driving experience, I find this marketing claim credible and think it could even be an understatement.

What was even more impressive was that all the time, the diesel BMW 3 Series sedans—whether the 2.0-liter or the 3.0-liter—ran as smoothly, as quietly and as comfortably as their gasoline-driven counterparts. In fact, during the trip back to Makati from Tagaytay, when it was my turn to drive the 2.0-liter, four-cylinder diesel and I observed the 100-kph speed limit for the first time, the drive was so quiet and pleasant that the front-seat passenger and I felt sleepy. But we snapped out of it after paying the Skyway toll by zooming to180 kph down the home stretch to the Don Bosco exit ramp.

BMW's success in improving torque and horsepower while eliminating the noise, vibrations and harshness common to conventional diesel engines can be traced to several technological advances that are now standard features in all BMW diesel engines. In the 2.0-liter four-cylinder diesel engine, the high-pressure distributor-type injection pump, VNT (Variable Nozzle Turbine) turbocharger, intercooler and four-valve technology have enhanced not only engine power but also fuel economy, emissions control and motoring comfort. BMW's 3.0-liter six-cylinder diesel engine was the first in its cubic capacity to be fitted with the common rail direct fuel injection system, including the twin spring nozzle injection jet for a smoother combustion process. The high-tech turbocharger with variable intake geometry and four-valve technology play major roles in boosting engine response in BMW's diesel powerplants.

The question is whether BMW's sophisticated, high-tech diesel engines can continue performing well over the years given the low-quality diesel fuel sold in this country. The people of BMW Philippines Corp., however, are confident that it has the technology to adjust to the local kind of diesel fuel.

Meanwhile, affluent readers who are titillated by those nimble BMW diesel test cars can stop fantasizing. They're not for sale. But if you must have the newest, state-of-the-art in BMW diesel engineering and you can afford it, the line forms on the right for the X5.

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TODAY'S BUMPER STICKER: If you don't like the news, go out and make some.

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Let's drive to brake against war

FULL TANK

Al S. Mendoza

IT'S almost 10 weeks to Christmas. And the mood isn't upbeat. N'yet. There's war and the world reels from its effects.

America's war against Afghanistan is our war. America's war against terrorism is our war. Every human suffering is our suffering.

Someone said America's war against Afghanistan would not last months but years. Can you believe that?

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America's war is against mankind. Every war is like that. Every killing committed in war is a killing against mankind. We die with the victims of war. We died with each of the six million Jews who died under Hitler.

War is business and America is back in business. In virtually all wars, America has always been involved. The last war in the Middle East in the '90s also involved America, remember?

The Gulf War. The so-called Desert Storm. America was there as a principal. Before that, America was in the Vietnam War.

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America's economy suffered with the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon on Sept. 11. As of last estimate, America lost no less than $105 billion from those suicide attacks by terrorists.

There were some 19 terrorists involved in the suicide attacks. Because there were about 6,000 casualties from those attacks, the ratio to one terrorist against his victims is 1 to almost 400. Terrible, indeed.

The trouble with a terrorist enemy is that he/she is willing to die. Worse, going to his/her death, he/she carries with him/her hundreds of innocent victims and not military personnel. Really unfair.

But is war fair at all?

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War is man killing man. The intention of war is to disable, if not kill, the enemy.

But the present war is somewhat bizarre. America's foes are willing to die. Worst, they bring to their deaths innocent civilians.

It's an entirely new ballgame altogether. Creepy.

For all its military might, America can never bring its foes to their knees. The ultimate victims are innocent people caught in the crossfire. As always, civilians suffer much of the consequences brought on by war.

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Meanwhile, what happens to business?

The business of living suffers as people live a life of fear. But America will flourish as its war materiel will be used again. It's time again to build new arms, which will mean new business for America. New arms means renewed business with countries also feeling the need to buy new arms to keep them abreast with the times. The business of killing is America's business at the moment; again, America flexing its military muscles makes it conducive for them to make new business.

Can America win its war in Afghanistan?

I doubt. Even as it pounds Osama bin Laden's benefactor with missiles and newly built weapons of destruction, America isn't safe from terrorists who continue to roam the world, including America.

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We feel safe here driving our own cars since the raging war is thousands of miles away from us. But when we think of the cruelty of war, the harsh realities of man getting blown to bits and pieces by the latest of America's toys for devastation, don't we also die a little?

There are now close to three million refugees from Afghanistan based on the borders of Pakistan. Those left behind in Afghanistan, what fate awaits them?

As we drive on the streets of beautiful Philippines, as we ride the bus, jeepney, taxi or tricycle on our way home or to the office, let's pray for them. Better yet, let's pray that George W. Bush, the American president, immediately stops the war, a war that is not really a war against terrorism but a war involving a superpower that has gone mad against an enemy whose own rules of war are unclear from the very start.

Can terrorism defeat America?

No.

Can America defeat terrorism?

No.

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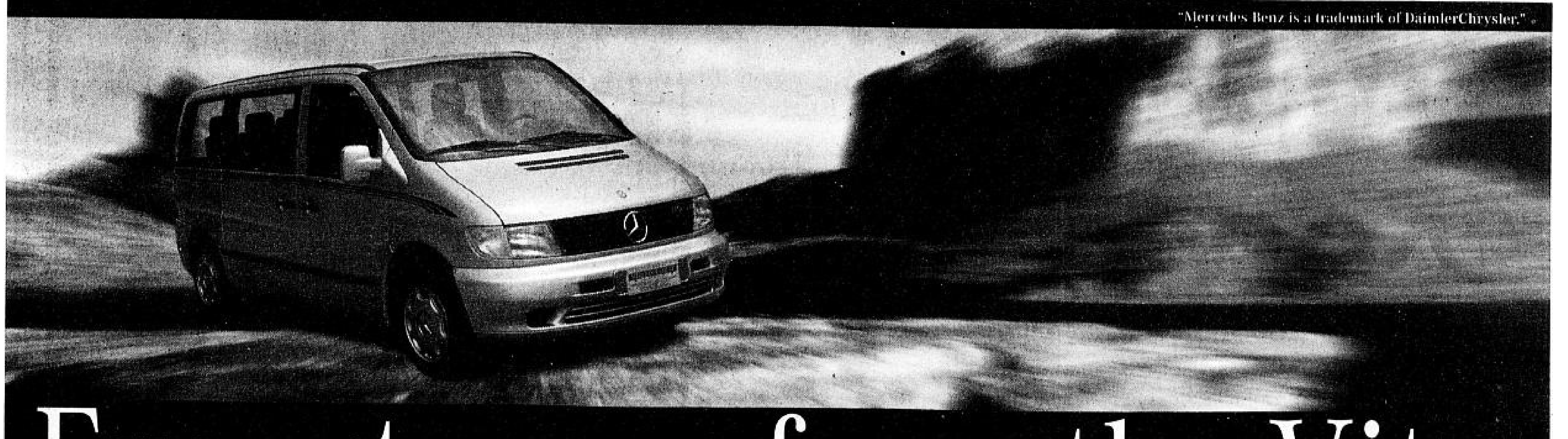

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▸ Looks? Simply striking with its more attractive exterior design. The new painted bumpers and mirrors and a decorative stripe are real eye-catchers whenever the Vito's on the road.

▸ Interiors? The Vito has an ergonomic cockpit with automatic transmission and a practical dash-mounted joystick shifting lever so your eyes stay on the road.

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New device promises pollution-free drive

BY CHARLES E. BUBAN

IS it possible to drive your vehicle and still have clean air around you? With the General Magnetic Purification Economizer, the answer could be a resounding yes. With the passage of Republic Act 8749 or the Philippines Clean Air Act of 1999, numerous devices are now coming out in the market with the promise of reducing your vehicle emission to allowable level.

The GMPE is the latest addition among the devices marketed in the country today although it has been in existence in China for more than seven years now. "It took us some time before we were able to acquire the necessary permits and endorsements from several agencies here," explains Bobby Alba of Forich International Inc., the sole distributor of the device in the Philippines.

"With GMPE your vehicle emission of hydrocarbon can be reduced to 210 ppm while CO$_2$ at 1.1 percent. The allowable emission set by the Land Transportation Office is 1,200 ppm for hydrocarbon and 6 percent for CO$_2$," explains Alba.

Alba even tested the device on his own vehicle, a Mitsubishi Adventure. Using a Protech OPAX 2000 II to test smoke emission from vehicles, Alba's AUV initially failed at the LTO trial for registering a 9.99 light coefficient absorption (K) level. "The next day, I went to the same testing office, this time with the GMPE installed. I passed after getting an average of 0.4K. That alone is very significant since the average passing average set by the LTO is 2.5K for gasoline and 3.5K for turbo-charged diesel engines," reveals Alba.

Simple structure

The octagonal GMPE is installed around the engine's fuel line close to carburetor (for gasoline engine) or close to high-pressure oil pump (for diesel engine). "For diesel engine, it is suggested that you install the GMPE on each outlet of the fuel nozzles.

According to Alba, the secret to the GMPE lies in the device's patented magnetic material called Neodymium-Ferrous-Boron. "Once installed, the GMPE immediately forces the fuel molecules to arrange in such a way that combustion is improved while inside the engine. The result: improved fuel consumption, lower emission level and longer engine life," claims Alba.

The GMPE, which costs P4,500, can be connected directly to various pipeline diameter and is maintenance free. It has two models—one for regular engine and the other for motorcycles.

Cleaner air

Inhaling polluted air can inflict several ailments like watery eyes, irritated nose, mouth and throat, and make you cough and sneeze. In severe cases air pollutants can also worsen and may cause lung diseases like asthma, bronchitis and emphysema. In some cases, it can even contribute to the premature death of people with heart and lung disease.

"If we all start installing devices like the GMPE, we can start seeing improvement in the quality of the air we breathe in the metropolis," says Alba.

The Department of Health identified six major pollutants in the air and most of these are produced by vehicles and other fuel-consuming engines.

Carbon monoxide (CO) is an odorless, colorless, poisonous gas that comes mainly from motor vehicles and other combustion exhaust.

Ozone (O$_3$) is the major harmful ingredient in smog. Major sources include refineries, gas stations, motor vehicles, chemical plants, paints and solvents. Harmful ozone in the lower atmosphere should not be confused with ozone in the upper atmosphere, which protects us from ultraviolet radiation.

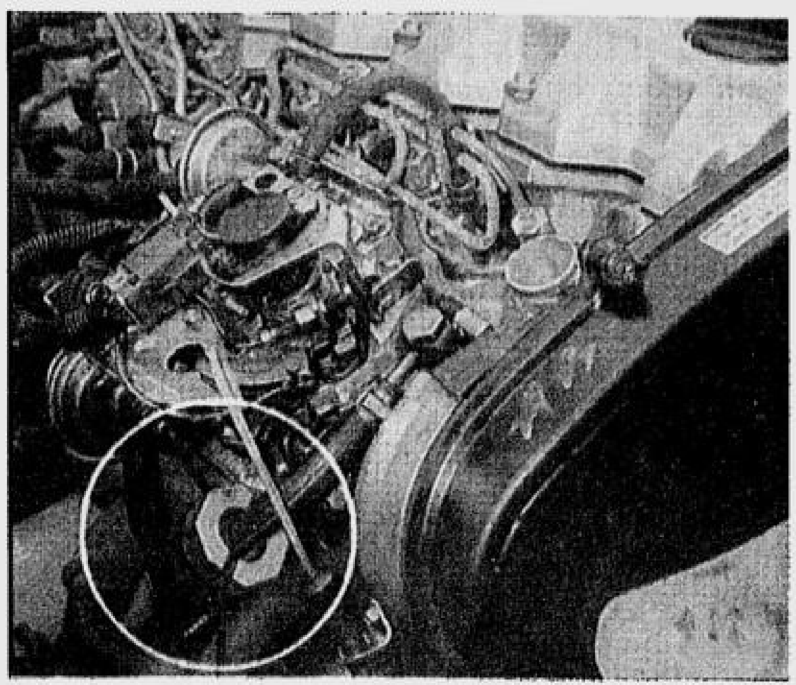
Nitrogen dioxide (NO$_2$) and related nitrogen oxides (NO$_x$) are produced when fuel is burned, especially in power plants and motor vehicles. These oxides of nitrogen compounds contribute to ozone formation, and are a health problem themselves. NO$_x$ also changes in the atmosphere to form acidic particles and liquid nitric acid.

Sulfur dioxide (SO$_2$) is created when sulfur-containing fuel is burned, primarily in powerplants and diesel engines. Like NO$_2$, sulfur dioxide can also change in the atmosphere into acidic particles and into sulfuric acid.

Particulate matter (PM) includes microscopic particles and tiny droplets of liquid. These particles come from the burning of fuels by industry and diesel vehicles and from earth-moving activities such as construction and mining.

Lead (Pb) has been known as a poisonous substance for many years. Due to past major reductions and now the elimination of lead in gasoline, there has been a significant decrease in public exposure to lead in outdoor air.

The remaining air pollution sources include lead smelters, incineration of lead batteries, and burning lead-contaminated waste oil. However, the most common sources of current lead exposure are old lead-containing paint and soil.



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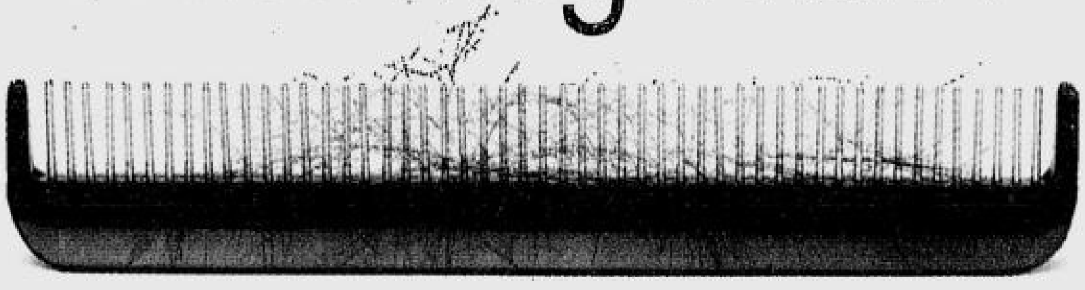

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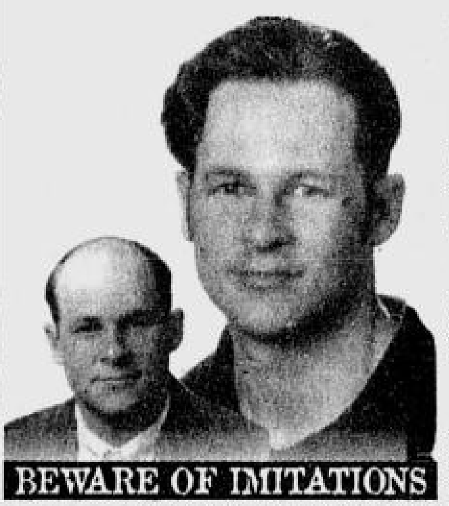

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New fuel reduces harmful emissions

FINALLY, a feasible solution to Metro Manila's killer levels of air pollution seems to be in sight.

Subic Bay Distribution Inc., a new player in the Philippine oil industry, says a new fuel technology and process will clean the entire fuel system of diesel-engine vehicles more efficiently and will dramatically reduce harmful black smoke emissions.

Dubbed "Eco-Diesel," the company's US-patented technology blends regular diesel fuel and a water-based additive into a stable, milky white emulsion. Bonding of water molecules with diesel fuel molecules during the combustion process produces more hydrogen and oxygen, rather than solid particulates and sulfur, explained a company spokesperson on the chemical mechanism behind the creation of cleaner, safer exhaust.

"Through the continued use of this new technology, the entire fuel system of a vehicle will be cleaned, run more efficiently and, most importantly, dramatically reduce harmful black emissions normally associated with diesel engines," added the company source. "What's unique about Eco-Diesel is that the fuel has a 'detergent effect' on the fuel lines and the combustion chamber, thereby cleaning out much of the carbon build-up that has occurred with the use of pure diesel."

The company also claims that the new fuel reduces ozone-depleting emissions such as oxides of nitrogen, carbon monoxide and hydrocarbons. "For companies that want to become 'environmental stewards' in the Philippines, and those who want to reduce their chances of being fined for smoke-belching by the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority, Eco-Diesel is a viable, cost-effective option," a company statement said.

Eco-Diesel is part of the Envirotech Philippines 2001 Exhibit at the Philippine World Trade Center on Oct. 10-12. The SBDI is a joint-venture company between El Paso Corp. of the United States and Petroleum Authority of Thailand (PTT).

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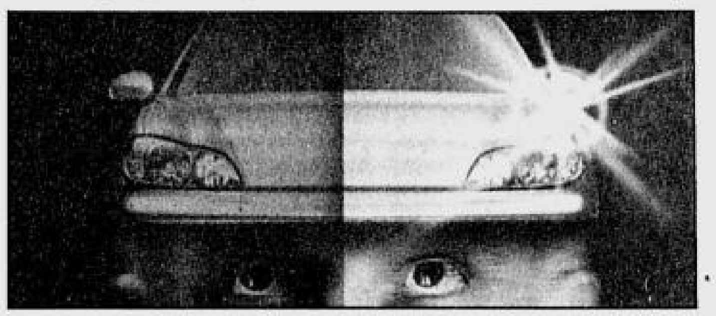

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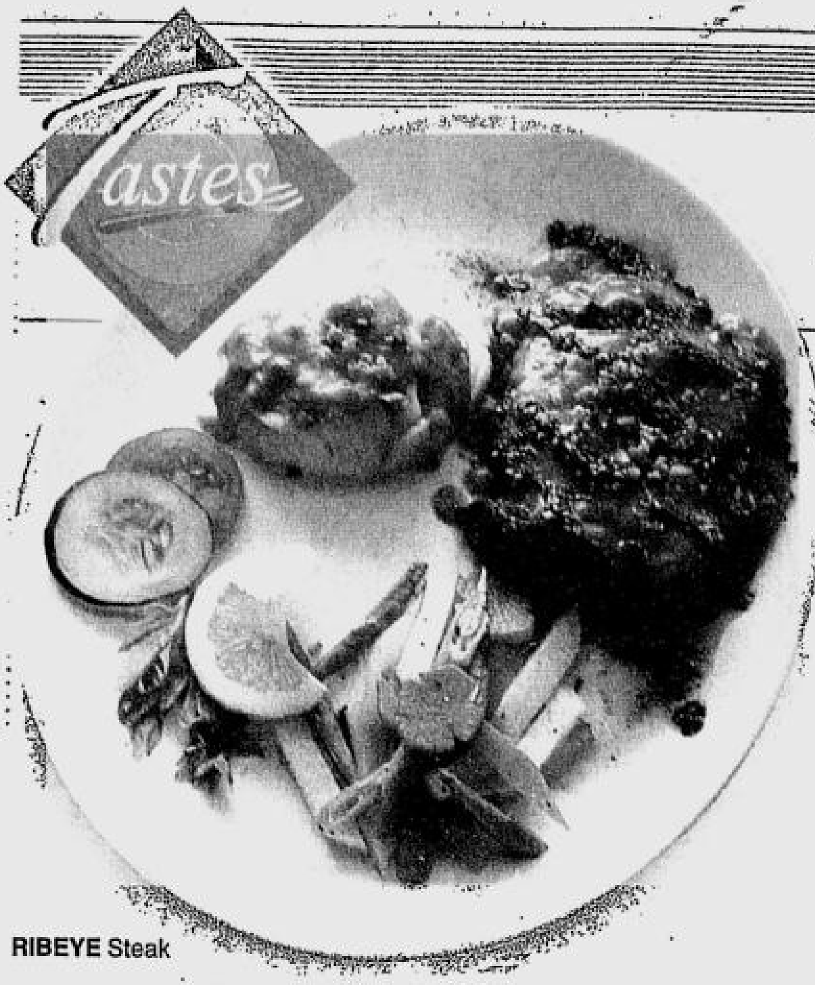

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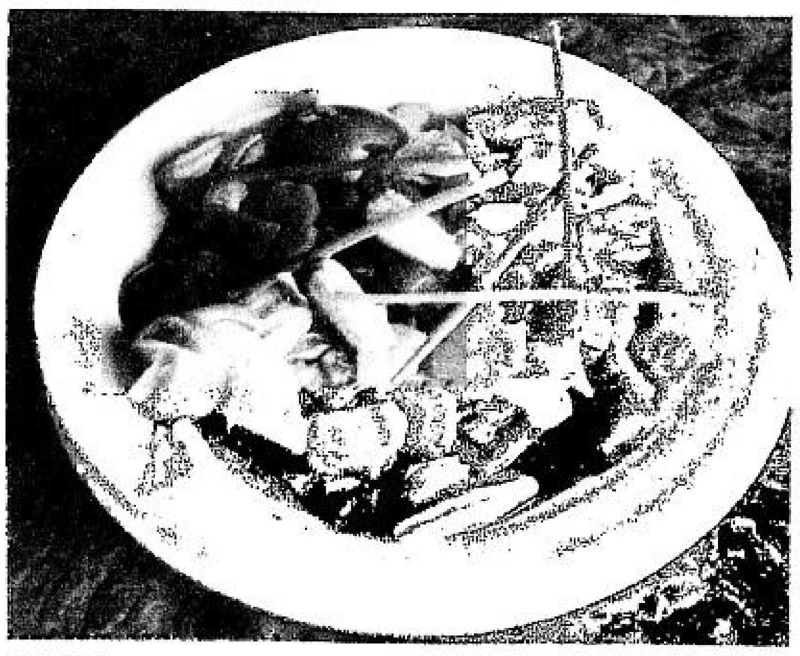
No tears dining at Blue Onion

A new restaurant at Eastwood City makes a virtue out of dining eclecticism, minimalism, music and affordability



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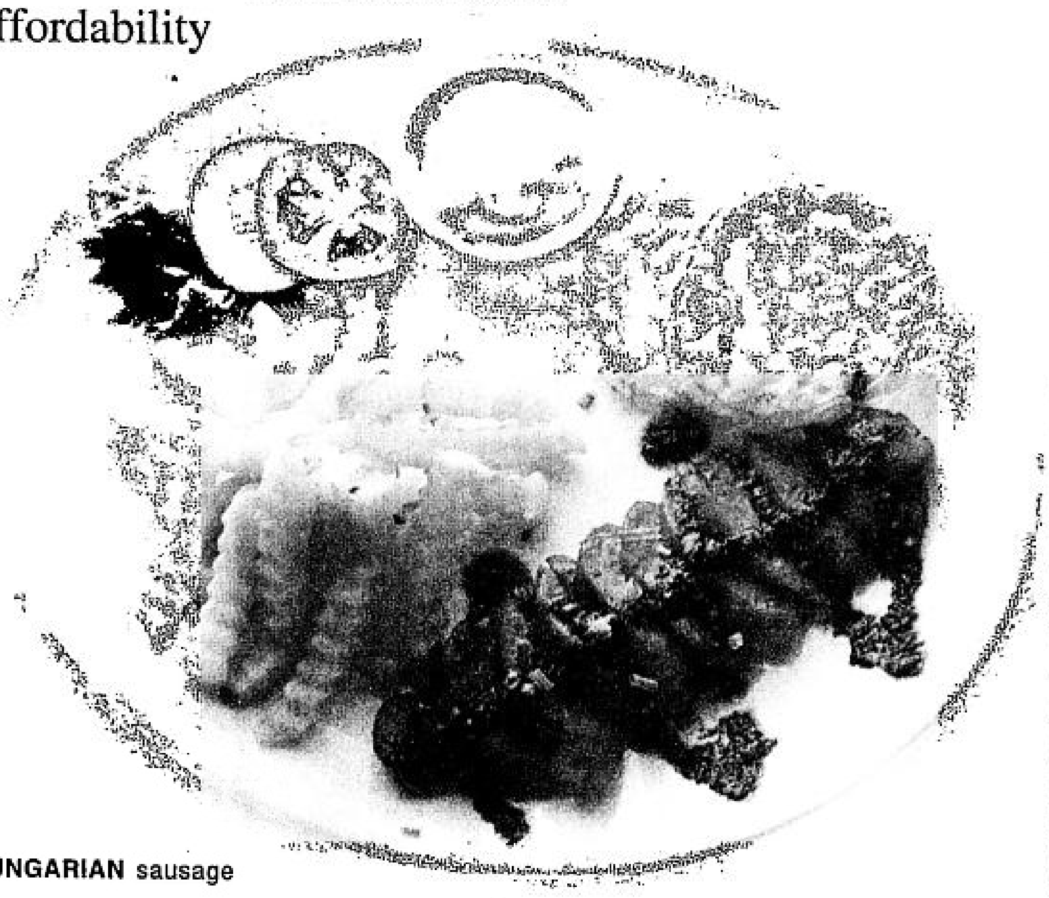

HUNGARIAN sausage

By Cathy Babao Guballa
Photos by Roger Carpio

ONIONS are usually synonymous with tears. However, at this particular "onion," people have been known to chase their blues away. Blue Onion Restaurant and Bar, one of the newest dining places to make its home in bustling Eastwood City, boasts of an eclectic menu, minimalist interiors and a sound system that can rival the best clubs in Metro Manila.

Located at the far end of the Eastwood City complex, the bar-restaurant's major prime movers are three longtime bachelor friends—Chito Angliongto, Wilson Tan and Edward Co—who are joined in the business venture by 12 other good friends. Angliongto has long been in the restaurant and bar business, having been involved with Reasons and Travessia. The restaurant derives its name from a fusion of ideas but primarily because Tan's and Co's families are engaged in the large-scale production and importation of onions, and blue because Angliongto and Tan are both true-blue, dyed in the wool Ateneans.

"Blue Onion offers food fare that is within reach of the working class," Angliongto says. "However, what sets us apart from the rest is the hotel food and ambiance that we offer at less than half the price," Angliongto says. True enough, you and your date can spend a fun evening at the Blue Onion on a little over P500 and that covers food and drinks. The menu contains a wide selection of down-home cooking classics like *sinigang*, *adobo*, crispy *pata* and even *inihaw na talong* with *bagoong*. If you're tired of Pinoy food, then there is Italian calzone, tempura, Korean beef stew or Eight Treasures (their version of chop suey). For rice lovers, there are toppings of all kinds heaped generously over big bowls of steaming hot rice, which cost a little over P100; *bagoong* rice and Spanish sardines with asparagus spears are some of the runaway winners here. Don't look for gourmet delights here folks; food at Blue Onion is basic and no-nonsense but satisfying nonetheless.

Dishes are tasty and priced affordably and that's why the Eastwood City office crowd flocks to this place during the weekday lunch hour. On weeknights, usually after 6 p.m., Blue Onion takes on a different face when it becomes a place to unwind, to drop one's cares away over a drink or two with officemates or friends. Seat yourself on one of their cushy chairs with a drink and pair that off with reasonably priced bar chow and you're set for the night. Oh, and there's great music, too.

WIDE interiors

The restaurant's predominantly black, brown and chrome interiors, designed by architect Mon Duenas, stands out for its high ceilings. Co says the ceiling and the one-level structure was designed for better sound reception and to drive out the generally smoky atmosphere during peak lunch and cocktail hours. On Blue Onion's walls are five 21-inch television sets strategically placed around the restaurant for the diners' viewing pleasure. If television is not your thing, you can listen to music played by a DJ, and the sounds range from cool jazz to late-night party music. Every Thursday there is a live band that plays from a small stage in the center of the restaurant. Operating hours at Blue Onion are from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. daily except Sundays.

Good friends, good music and good food at a uniquely named bar and restaurant that promises a place to chill while you chase those blues away.

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The booze that puts the ooze in the schmooze

By Rowena C. Burgos
Photos by Joan Bondoc

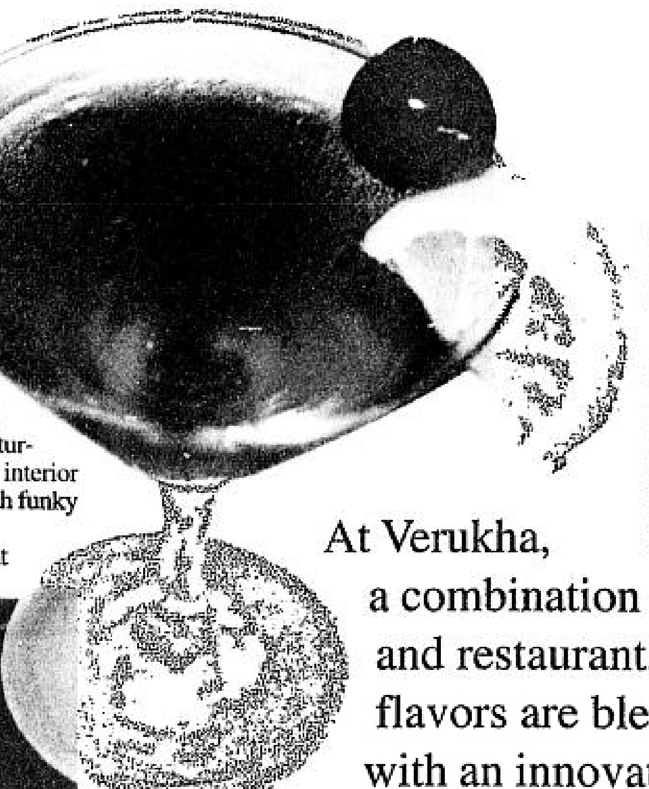
MALATE, for some reasons, may have more good wine bars than the rest of the country combined. But even by Malate standards, Verukha is a fairly fine place where you can work your way through a plate of Sizzling Oink, *sisig* topped with crunchy *chicharon*, Spike Furters, slices of frankfurters spiced up with red sauce, or Drums of Heaven, golden brown chicken lollies, then order a glass of your favorite liquor. The bar offers a great variety of alcoholic beverages by the glass, bottle or 2-oz taste.

Established by friends Giro King, Jacqui Chan and Gerry Chua last December, Verukha is a finely calibrated machine designed for the consumption of wine.

King's family owns a wine shop called Cognac, which is located beside Verukha and his sister's Sparx coffee shop. The store supplies aperitif to TGI Friday's, Tequila Joe's and other restaurants. "Since we've been exposed to the wine business, we decided to open a bar," the 32-year-old King says.

Located at 1719 Jorge Bocobo St., Verukha is open 7 p.m.-12 mn Tuesday to Thursday, and 7 p.m.-3 a.m., Friday and Saturday. It's a humble neighborhood bar whose interior is shimmering with color and pulsating with funky music.

Chua, 31, who took up economics at the University of Santo Tomas and interior design at the Philippine School of Interior Design, conceptualized the design of the place. Chan, 30, a business management graduate also of UST, is in charge of Verukha's daily operations. Whenever she has the chance to go home to Vigan, Ilocos Sur, she helps her mom manage their restaurant, which specializes in Filipino food.



COSMOPOLITAN, a mixture of Absolut Citron, Cointreau and cranberry juice

VERUKHA: A fine place to indulge in your favorite drinks

TEQUILA Sunrise, Cubalibre and Sex on the Beach

At Verukha, a combination of wine bar and restaurant, classic flavors are blended with an innovative spirit

Specialties

Put away any ideas of hearty and heavy food here—Verukha is a tribute to delicacy and simplicity. The service is subtle and bartenders Mark Tiongco and Chan know their way around the idiosyncratic wine list the way Michael Jordan knows his way around a basketball court.

Aside from different kinds of beer, which have been mainstays of the bar culture, Verukha also showcases an oddity-strewn regular list of cocktails, which would rank as one of the imaginative in Manila. There's Sex on the Beach, Brave Bull, Bull Frog, What's the Rush, Blow Job and Mai Tai.

Chef Cleto Cicero's cooking is filled with wild and brainy juxtapositions like Streetwise Platter (marinated beef tripe and chicken liver), Vulcano (pizza topped with hot chili, spicy salami, black olives and fresh tomatoes), Verukha's Own (pizza topped with fresh tomatoes, anchovies, prawns, olives, oregano and mushrooms), Herbed Chicken Rissoles (flavorful chicken seasoned patties with vegetables and melted cheese served with fruit chutney) and Sisig Rice.

Just as there's a tune that will please almost anybody so there's a wine for every palate and occasion at Verukha.

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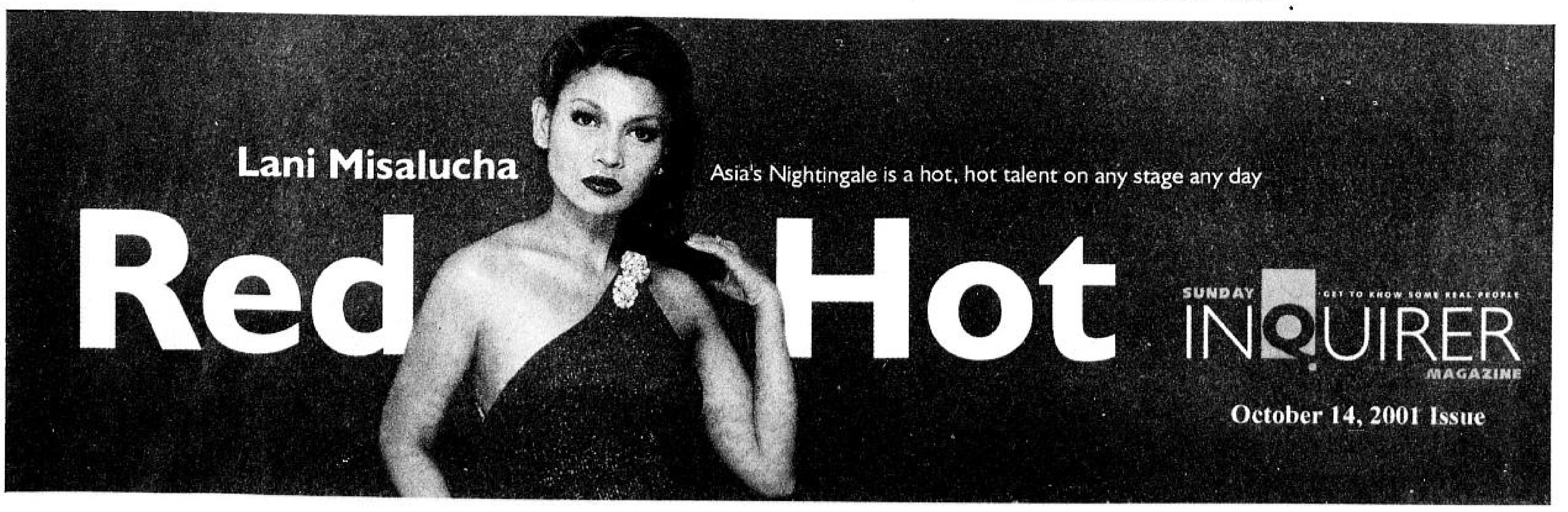

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Hot and wild

PROCTER & Gamble Philippines recently introduced the new Pringles flavor called Wild Consomme. This follows the success of two Pringles flavors launched in the Philippines last year—Pizza and Hot & Spicy. Wild Consomme are available in two sizes. Other Pringles flavors available are Original, Sour Cream 'n Onion, Cheez Ums and BBQ.

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New book on baking

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Pre-signed copies of the book may be purchased at a special 10-percent discount on said date, and refreshments, together with samples of EC's scrumptious Cracked Chocolate Cookies and delectable Lemon Cake that will be given away to book buyers.

"Baking Made EC" is the indispensable sequel to the book "Kusina ni EC" (Anvil 1998). It contains 70 traditional and new well-loved family recipes, including practical baking tips, for pastries like cakes, cookies, pies, tarts and breads.

New menu and promos mark restaurant's 13th year

THE CRAVINGS Group celebrates its 13th anniversary with the launch of a new menu and a series of events.

In "How Orange Can You Get?" Cravings challenges patrons to come in anything orange on Oct. 14-20. The winners will get prizes from Family Reader Magazine, Mega Magazine, Nestle, Joey 92.3, 99.5 RT, 93.9 KCFM, Bankee Trading and San Remo Pasta.

Starting this month, Cravings Restaurants and Bakeries on Katipunan Avenue, Wilson Street, Robinsons Place Ermita and Shangri-La Mall present an array of new pasta dishes, panini, and Filipino favorites. They will also introduce the Asian Corner.

Try the tangy Longganisa with Spiced Cream Sauce and the Pasta Paella. Panini combinations come in tuna salad, grilled vegetables, and pesto; porkloin and grilled vegetables; and pork, ham, cheese and pickles. Filipino dishes are Chicken Barbecue, Grilled Pork Spare Ribs, Chicken Inasal, Cravings Beef Tapa, Pancit Palabok, Bibingka and Puto Bumbong. The Asian Corner offers Skewers (chicken, beef, mixed seafood), Teriyaki (blue marlin or chicken), Hainanese Chicken, Honey Glazed Orange Fried Chicken and Fish Fillet in Sweet and Sour Sauce.

There are also rice bowls such as Teppanyaki (chicken, beef, mixed seafood), Sweet and Sour Pork, Thai Chicken Stir-Fry, Mixed Seafood in Garlic Sauce, Korean Sesame Beef and Honey Glazed Orange Chicken.

By ordering, the diner becomes a contributor to the Kythe Foundation, which helps cancer-stricken children. Cravings had also conducted a painting workshop for young cancer victims, whose works are on display at all Cravings outlets until Oct. 26 when Cravings hosts its grand anniversary bash on Katipunan.

In the anniversary party, guests will be treated to a wine festival, a special paella cooking demo by the Center for Culinary Arts Manila, performance by the bands Pido and Take One, and auction of the art works by the cancer children.

Freeverse will be at Monsoon Bar and Restaurant in Linden Suites, Ortigas on Oct. 19.

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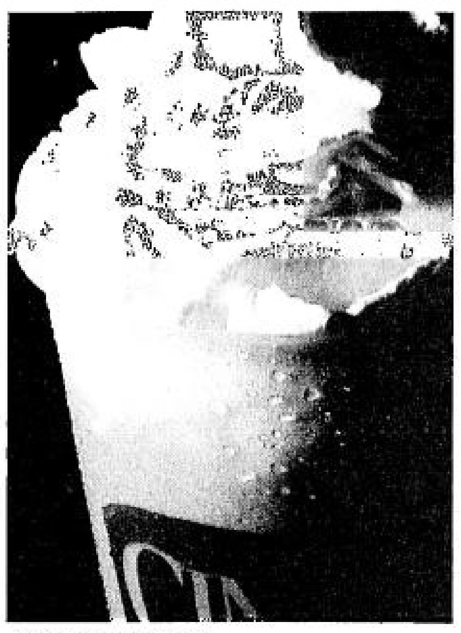

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Coffee Toffee is a refreshing cold cafe espresso drink with crunchy toffee bits topped with whipped cream and laced with luscious caramel.

Strawberry Milk is a rich treat topped with whipped cream and strawberry syrup swirl.

For those on a strict diet or lactose intolerant, there's White Chocolate Symphony, a smooth white chocolate drink crowned with rich white chocolate shavings over whipped cream.

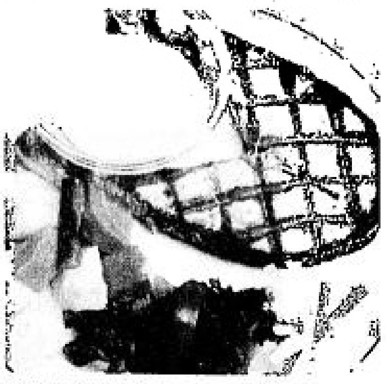
Frosted Mocha Soul is a lively mixture of coffee and chocolate, a mocha cappuccino topped with whipped cream and cinnamon powder. Also available are Hot Apple Cider and Steamed Almond Milk.

Gathering of classics

CULINARY Classics from all over the world gather on the buffet table at Dads. The possibilities of combining a full-course meal in this buffet are endless. Create your own theme with the all-original Dads Classics dishes. It is an all-star cast of their Around the World Festival Favorites.

Go American by stuffed turkey with cranberry sauce roast beef, and baby back ribs all the way. If you prefer the flavors of Spain there are the classic *sopa de ajo* (garlic soup) *callos*, *lengua* and *paella*. Nobody can stop you from going the whole hog by ladling portions of every dish in sight no matter if it ends up looking like a general meeting of the United Nations on your lunch or dinner plate.

Just to keep your craving at full tilt and your appetite building up till your next visit to Dads, here are some of that delectable specialty dishes specially assembled for this celebration: Italian beef *carpaccio* in a piquant mustard sauce the Frenchy shellfish favorite *moules* mariniere, New Zealand lamb with mint jelly, Norwegian salmon in various preparations and our very own grilled *lapu-lapu* in Dads special seafood sauce.



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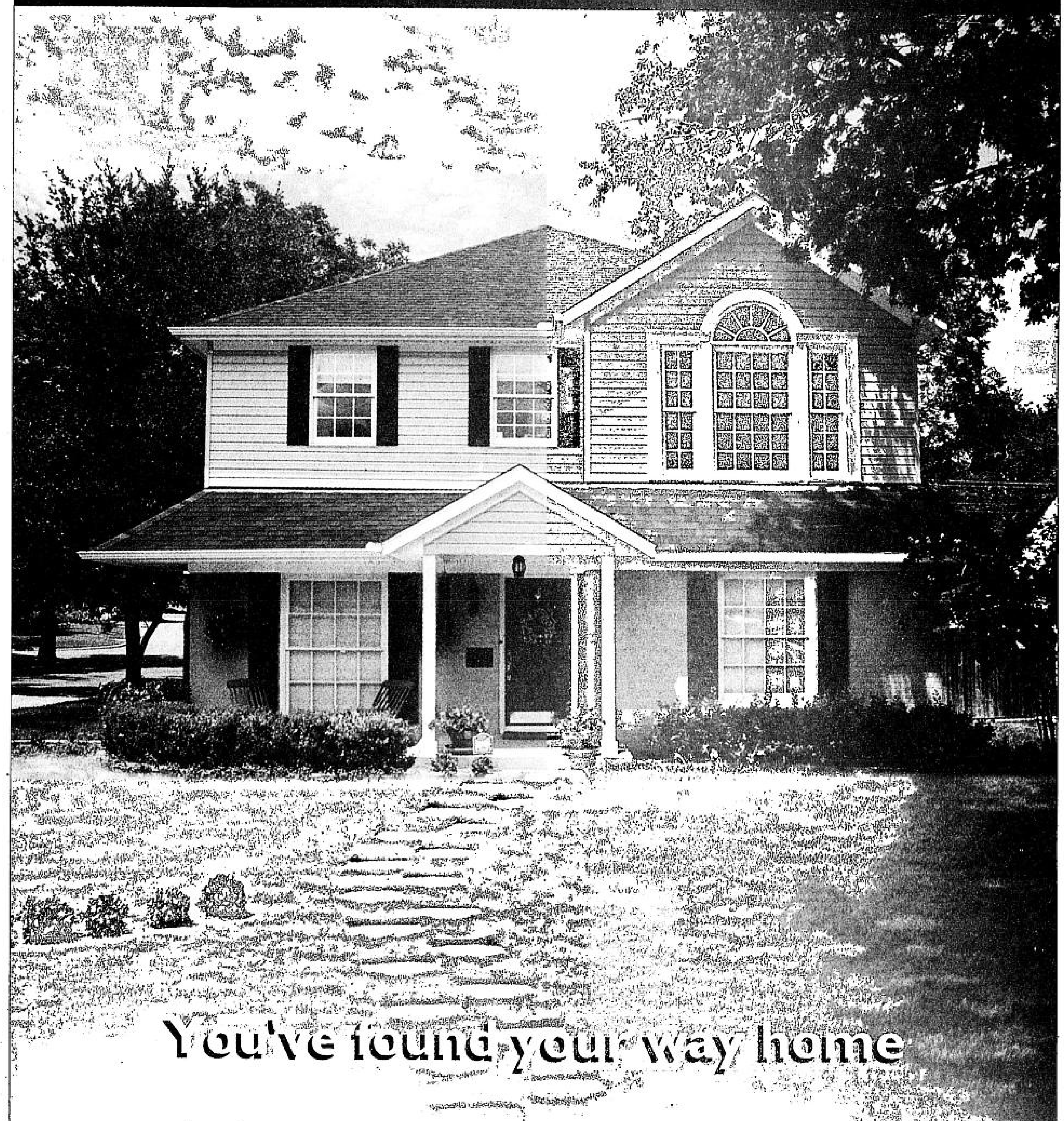

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Agreeing to disagree is now a cliche

THE MAD TEA PARTY

Clinton Palanca

Stand up for what you believe in but avoid raising your voice. Don't shoot anyone unless he shoots first

THE OTHER day, a friend and I went to watch the Corrs' concert at the Araneta Coliseum, where the audience was a strange mix of social classes and cultural types. There's a certain kind of person that you'd expect to encounter at a Smashing Pumpkins concert, and another kind that you might find wandering the lobby at a concert of the Philippine Philharmonic Orchestra; but the Corrs seem to have staked out an excellent niche for themselves: They're not so overwhelmingly popular that they elicit disdain from the purveyors of taste, but they sing well-written songs that manage to transcend the ghetto of "pop-Celtic" music, where many excellent singers unfortunately languish. Or, let's face it, everyone loves them because they look gorgeous and sing catchy tunes.

One problem this raises is that amid the hoi-polloi, the Alabang socialites who smear their seats with alcogel before sitting down, and the band of Irishmen who brought along a flag, a leprechaun and a pot of gold, and began dancing traditional jigs, is that you aren't quite sure what to do with yourself. There are concerts where you have to stand, scream and cheer; there are concerts where you have to sway your Zippo in the air; and there are concerts where you have to sit perfectly still and remember to resist the temptation to clap between the allegro and the andante movement. So we ended up doing what I like best: Sitting down with your feet up, occasionally humming along or bobbing to the music, and then rising only at the finale.

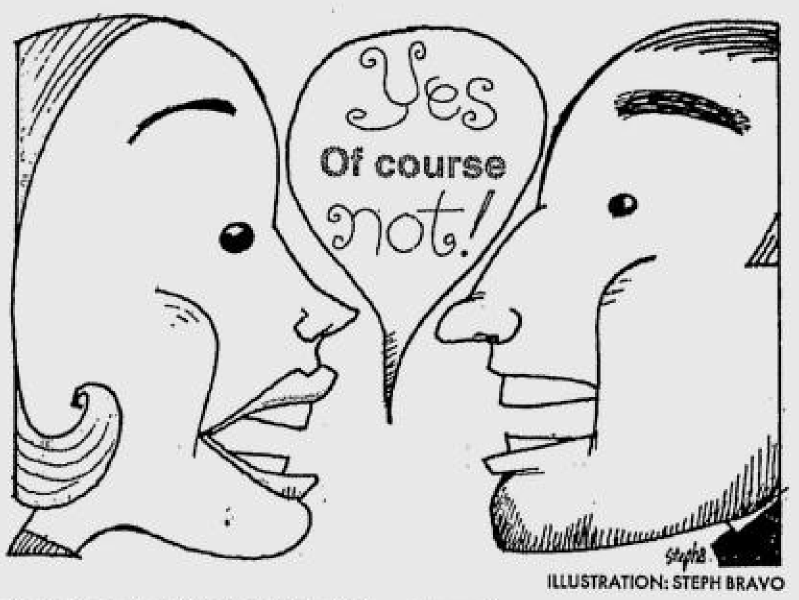
As we left the theater we encountered an old friend who is a fanatical Corrs lover; he bought front-row tickets to not just one, but both nights of the concert, and even managed to meet them for a brief interview. (At this point I must digress to ponder the phenomenon of being a "fan." There are certain musicians, writers and chefs that I admire very much; but I wouldn't swoon at the mere fact of being in the presence of Philip Glass, Jacques Derrida or Fredy Girardet. I might turn into a quivering blancmange if I ever met Christy Turlington, but that would, obviously, have nothing to do with admiration for her work.)

We invited our friend to join us for dinner, and the conversation somehow degenerated to the kind that you have in high school: Who's your favorite Corr? I have a fondness for the drummer, whom I find sexy; my companion admired the violinist most; our mutual friend insisted that Andrea, the lead singer and the most strikingly pretty of the lot, was the best Corr. Teenagers no doubt have similar conversations about the Backstreet Boys; and perhaps our parents, in their time, argued with the same intensity and inanity about the Beatles. After a certain age, though, you become aware that what you are expressing is a matter of opinion. But our friend was intractable. It was like arguing with one of those Speak & Spell machines we used to have as children, which would smugly inform us: "You are incorrect! The correct answer is..." However, these devices were capable of contacting E.T.'s home planet, so perhaps they had a reason to be smug.

Every country has certain national dishes which, perhaps because they are representative of the country, elicit furious debate. Every French cookbook I've read has an apologetic disclaimer when it gets to cassoulet or bouillabaise, noting that there are various schools of thought whether one should add this ingredient or not. I've compiled five different recipes that claim to be the original Alfredo's fettuccine sauce. Meanwhile, for our great concoctions like *kare-kare*, *adobo* or *sinigang*, the country's foremost food authority Doreen Fernandez adroitly skirts the issue by pointing out that the varying methods of cooking or combinations of ingredients is a demonstration of the ingenuity and adaptability of the Filipino.

A few nights ago I had a very intriguing conversation with Triccia David, one of the founding members of a poetry bar called Sanctum. At first I had no idea what a poetry bar was. Did one sit at the counter and ask for one sonnet, on the rocks, and, for my friend here, an epic (with a twist)? It's an open-microphone place, where anyone can walk up and read their poetry. A verbal version, in other words, of the literary journal, which is a medium that I've worked with in the past. As editor in chief, my overwhelming concern was for quality: Of the writing, of the care taken in copyediting and proofreading, and down to details such as the strength of the glue used for binding. I'm an erratic but loyal patron of Sanctum, but, as you might expect, I have fundamental problems with the open-microphone policy. The simple truth of the matter is that a lot of very, very bad poetry is read. Once in a while, you get a poem that is indescribably terrible. Once in an even longer while, you get a gem, an incipient masterpiece, or a twinkle of what could be a wonderful work.

Triccia and I have had several conversations on the matter, and have always been passionate and amiable. She sees my point about editorial intervention; I see her point about free expression. I disagree with her completely. So was the three-quarters of an hour I spent in interlocution a waste of time? Here, try this trick, especially if you're a beautiful woman and you know that the guy hitting on you is aiming to please. Begin a discourse on a subject. He will agree, of course, with your views, and will even add supporting statements. At the last minute, change your stand completely, but without changing your tone. He will continue to agree and will enthusiastically add concurring remarks. Then point out: "But didn't you just say a few minutes ago..." and watch him waffle and attempt to backtrack. Now that, ladies and gentlemen, is a waste of time.



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"Agreeing to disagree" is becoming a cliché these days, in the wake of recent political events. "Fantaticism" has become an ugly word; and one can engage in endless semiotic prevarication about whether it is contingent to, exclusive from, or a dialectical counterpart of "passion" for one's beliefs. But the editorials, e-mail discussion lists, dinner-party conversations and so on have already been split, and the fissure does not, unfortunately, run conveniently down the old political camps of left-wing and right-wing, with fence-sitters and apoliticals in between.

The 20th century played itself out in the death-throes of beliefs such as superiority of rational thought, the existence of a single absolute truth, and the confidence that billiard balls will bounce off each other with a certain consistency. Now murderers can get off by claiming "My subconscious made me do it!", the singularity of truth has become the plurality of relativism ("Well, it all depends on the way you look at it, you know..."), and physics is now full of terms like "fuzzy logic" or "the Heisenberg Uncertainty Principle," which makes one suspect that physicists aren't very certain of much, themselves. Once, apples dropped off trees onto napping physicists heads; today, a push-up bra is advertised with gigantic posters of (admittedly) gravity-defying breasts, with the tag line: "Newton was wrong."

The "man-on-the-street" interviews done by the media now gives each of us the opportunity to air our views as it gives to the crusty old Oxford philosophers with uncombed hair that the BBC occasionally trots out when they have dead airtime. These days, everyone has an opinion, and no one's really right or wrong. There are a few ways around this dilemma.

(1) Give yourself validating authority, usually letters before or after one's name (e.g., Rev., Ph.D, etc.) or claim first-hand experience ("I spent five years in the jungle with the guerillas; I ought to know."; this can be used conversely as an ad hominem rebuttal: "Have you ever met an Afghan in your life? Didn't think so."

(2) Talk louder than everyone else. That's what our friend did, and in the end, out of sheer vehemence, and because we were too tired to argue back, he won. Andrea is the best Corr of the brood. All you need is lots of Red Bull, and then wear them down until you're finally right.

(3) Do what the Mexicans do. If you feel you're not getting your point across, take out a pistol and shoot your interlocutor dead. He will, without the aid of an Ouija board, be unable to rebut, and you will have won the argument.

The third option is, unfortunately, what fanatics do: Religious, political or Backstreet Boys lovers. Put a Macintosh man in a room with a plaster bust of Bill Gates, some IBMs running Windows 2000 and a baseball bat, and see what happens: Even geeks have to believe in something. I loved the movie "Moulin Rouge" because it reminded me of what I believed in. And then (around the seventh time I watched it) it reminded me of the importance of believing, in all its forms: From preferring custard-based ice-cream to be superior to Italian gelato, to political convictions, to values that one chooses to live one's life by, and finally to faith itself.

At what point are we prepared to die for our convictions? Eager missionaries plunged into the deepest Africa to supplement the protein diet of the jungle's inhabitants because they (the missionaries) believed in spreading the word of God. Islamic fundamentalists just as eagerly gave their lives to a cause they believed in. The second question, perhaps more germane, is: At what point are we willing to sacrifice lives for what we believe in? Don't answer too hastily. The coming war will have many fatalities: They will be called "casualties of war," and will be justified in the name of freedom, democracy and, as President Bush might put it, "teachin' those cowardly folks out there a lesson."

A nihilistic world, one without beliefs, would be not be possible to live in. A world in which everyone agreed with each other would be equally unimaginable. Having different opinions and beliefs can end in murder or martyrdom or holocaust. Having different opinions and beliefs also makes for great conversation; and this dialogue (or interlocution) is not just amusing. It is also the touchstone of understanding and knowledge: The agora, the trial court, the manifestation. So who's the best among the Corrs? How about Islamic fundamentalism versus Western "democracy"? I'm sure you have your answers. But how do you know you're right, and what are you going to do about it?

This, therefore, is my belief about beliefs: Stand up for what you believe in; but avoid raising your voice; and don't shoot anyone unless he shoots first. And if you don't agree with me, then we can take it outside.

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CPK kitchen staff prepares the sumptuous gourmet pizzas.

CALIFORNIA

JOEY Zubiri, Manuel Zubiri, Vicky Zubiri and Miguel Zubiri at the CPK Shangri-La Edsa opening

Pizza house has new outlet

TASTEMAKERS

CALIFORNIA Pizza Kitchen has opened a new outlet at the Shangri-La Plaza Mall. It is warmly lit, with polished wood in light shades, black marble accents and silver steel details. Diners are welcomed by a signage, a modern bridgeway made of plexiglass and an escalator.

On opening night, guests were welcomed by the Global Restaurant Management Group, the company behind CPK and Tequila Joe's, led by Archie Rodriguez, Manuel Zubiri and Griffith Go. Their partners, Robbie Goco, Rep. Miguel Zubiri and Al Santos were there, as well as Carlos Delgado, CPK regional director for the Pacific Rim.

Chairman Ben Abalos of the Metro Manila Development Authority and Lala Fojas of the Shangri-La Plaza Mall cut the ceremonial ribbon.

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BROADCAST journalist Karen Davila graced the opening of the second branch of Cheesecake, etc. located at the Alabang Town Center. New treats were introduced for the opening. Among the crowd's favorites were the raspberry-and-strawberry concoction, Berry Temptation and the low-fat cheesecake, Berry Blue. A new beverage called Fruizzi was introduced as well as the Delato Italian ice cream. Davila's favorite was the Cashew Dome Cake.

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EXPAND your cooking knowledge with the Maya Kitchen Culinary Arts Center's classes.

Learn various recipes of the inexpensive yet protein-rich and delectable tofu on Oct. 13, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Cook some appetizer such as Tuna Tofu Dip and Tofu Balls, Stuffed Tofu, Tofu Teriyaki, Tofu and Wakame Salad, Tofu Fruit Shake and Tofu Mango Dessert.

Bake cake and eat it, too, in the course Cakeshop Specialties also on Oct. 13, 1:30-5 p.m. Learn how to make Caramel Crunch Cake, White Forest Cake, Chocolate Custard, Tiramisu, Sans Rival.

There will be a course on Japanese Cooking on Oct. 20, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Learn how to cook Miso Soup, Tempura, Sukiyaki and Kamameshi.

Know the secrets of how to cure meat in the course Seven-Day Ham Curing on Oct. 20, 1:30-5 p.m. Learn how to make Chicken Ham, Pata Hamon, Pork Ham, Canadian Bacon and Pastrami.

Learn effective, cost-friendly and profitable catering on the Catering Business course on Oct. 27, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Included in the package is the hands-on instruction on how to prepare, cook and present sumptuous Filipino dishes like Morcon, Galantina, Paella, etc.

Be acquainted with the versatility of the gulaman with the course on Maya Quick and Easy Gulaman Delights on Oct. 27, 3-5 p.m. The session focuses on how to make Cathedral Window, Coffee Jelly, Almond Jelly, Fruity Chewy Salad, 24-Hour Salad, Fresh Crab Salad and Buko Pandan.

Visit the Maya Kitchen at 8/F Liberty Building, A. Arnaiz Avenue (Pasay Road), Makati City; call 892-1185/5011 local 108 or e-mail mayakitchen@pacific.net.ph.

Holiday cooking at Shangri-La mall

THE REGGIE Aspiras School of Culinary Arts at the Bon Apetit, 3/F Shangri-La Plaza Mall, has announced its classes for October.

Oct. 12 and 16, Asian Holiday. Squash Soup with Chili Cilantro Chutney, Crab Salad with Fruit Chips, Fruit and Shrimp Salad, Carrot and Cashew Soup, Sweet Glaze Roast Duck with Taro and Cassava Root Purée, Pasta with Cat Fish, Cilantro Cream Seafood Pasta, Mandarin Chicken, Coconut, Fruit and Shrimp Stew, Tamarind Glazed Chicken with Curry Tamale and Corn Salsa, Nut Crusted Sea Bass with Asparagus, Spiced Mango Balsa and Sticky Rice, Fruit and Vegetable Tempura with Caramel Sauce and Home-made Cinnamon Ice Cream, Sticky Rice Cake with Mixed Dried Fruit Toppings and Sauces.

Oct. 17, 24 and 31, Holiday Baking Series. Apple-Port, Wine Pie with Cheese Crust, Maple Caramel and Apple Cream Pie, Apple Pie Bread, Caramel Apple Pie Cake, Frozen Coffee Liquor and Chocolate Chunk Mousse Cake, Decadent Layer Mud Pie, Deep Chocolate Torte with Espresso Butter Cream, Chocolate Hazelnut Pound Cake with warm Caramel Sauce, Strawberry and Caramel Banana Trifle, Lemon Mousse Torte, Banana Cake with Caramelized Bananas and Home-made Chocolate Sorbet, Chocolate Mousse Layer Cake with Vanilla Bean Ice Cream, Puff Pastry Tiramisu with Marsala.

Oct. 26, Hamon at Pan de Sal. Ham with Langka Sauce,Pandan Ham, Fiesta Ham, Ham Apple Pie, Ham in Champagne, Coffee Glazed Ham, Ham with Apple and Raisin Sauce, Pan de Sal Foccacia with Mixed Toppings.

Oct, 29, My Eclectic Media Noche. Arroz Caldo Bar with mixed Toppings (Oysters, Vegetable Fondue, Rib-Eye Steak, etc.), Boiled Corned Beef with Horseradish, Pot Roast dinner with Dipping Sauces, grilled-on-the-spot Pan de Sal bar with Cured Meats, Marinated Cheeses and Vegetables, Fresh Fruit Salad.

Visit the Reggie Aspiras School of Culinary Arts at 3/F Shangri-La Plaza Mall, Edsa corner Shaw Boulevard, Mandaluyong City; call 633-5162, 634-7464 local 214 of fax 928-9296.

Around the world in a day

(From page C6)

all served with garlic bread, came with sauces difficult to choose from. I queried the pretty daughter of Christine Crisol, one of the owners, and she said her favorite was the Fresh Tomato and Basil (grown in the office backyard). It was excellent. The Smoked Tanguigue in dill cream makes one sauce; Al Nero—squid stewed in its own ink—another. The Pasta di Nandi is, brother and sister Chookie and Trina Pineda Tinio confessed, an invention of their father's, thus a Mundial original and exclusive: Spicy sausage and mushrooms in basil cream sauce.

Although Chookie Pineda and Christine Crisol are the managing partners of the restaurant, you see Chookie's mother, Nenatess Pineda, is equally active, while his father, brothers and sisters serve as an active, involved, concerned corps of advisers. A sister handles financial matters. A brother-in-law designed the computer-generated decor on the walls. A friend advised them on the cool lime-and-yellow décor; sister Trina, although a vegetarian, tests recipes and makes suggestions. Chookie, she admits, is the innovator, the inventor.

We, a crew of Ateneo English teachers, had been invited by Trina to try the food, and Christine had prepared a veritable table degustation, a tasting table, with little bowls and plates of many of their dishes. Thus we could graze, sample, exchange comments and declare our favorites.

Carol liked best the Cretan stuffed squid with the Greek rice. I voted for the chicken Florentine, red snapper with pesto butter, and mushroom *risotto*. Many loved the desserts: *leche flan* with carabao milk, mango mousse, *engana bobo*, coffee-toffee.

SMOKED Tanguige Pasta

PINOY Breakfast Sampler

THE MUNDIAL Oriental Salad

I shall return for the sandwiches, especially Vicky's Grilled Veggies (carrots, zucchini, squash, eggplants and bell peppers on lettuce with mozzarella and balsamic vinaigrette) and Kani and Cucumber (Japanese crabsticks, lettuce and cucumber with wasabi mayonnaise). And maybe for breakfast of shredded pork *adobo*, beef *tapa*, *sinangag* and *itlog na pula*?

We did all this pleasurable grazing at T. Morato Mundial; the second restaurant is at Metrolink, 5/F Shangri-La Mall, tel. 436-3433.

Just down the road, by the way, is the new Popular Bookstore, welcome news to all book lovers who used to trek all the way to Doroteo Jose Street for their book passions.

A delightful trip to barrios

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Sumptuous seafood dishes

Dinengdeng (Ilocos)

¼ kg *maya-maya* fillet
1 bunch *saluyot* leaves
½ bunch *malunggay* leaves
8 pc eggplant
2 bunch squash blossom
1 pc onion, red
3 pc tomato, sliced
½ c *bagoong isda*
3 c water

Wash *maya-maya* fillet, slice into 1"x2". Separate *saluyot* leaves from stem and discard mature ones. Wash properly and drain. Do the same with the *malunggay* leaves and squash blossom. Wash eggplants. Sliced into halves then slice thinly. Soak in water. Strain *bagoong isda*. Set aside.

In a clean casserole, combine water, *bagoong isda*, tomatoes, onion. Bring to boil for 1 minute. Stir, reduce fire. Simmer for 2-3 minutes until *bagoong isda* is done. Add *maya-maya* fillet. Simmer for 3 minutes. Add all vegetables. Simmer until done. Taste and serve.

Halaan with Tausi

3 kg *halaan*
¼ c cooking oil
1 pc small native ginger
1 clove native garlic
1 pc red onion
¼ c black beans (*tausi*)
2 pc *sili labuyo*, minced
2 c tomato sauce
1 c water

Wash *halaan*, drain and set aside. Wash black beans, drain. Peel and wash ginger, sliced into small strips.

In a wok, saute ginger until light brown. Add onion and cook until wilted. Add black beans. Simmer for 1 minute. Add tomato sauce, *sili labuyo* and water. Bring to boil for 1 minute. Stir. Add *halaan*, stir. Reduce fire and let it simmer until done. Taste. Serve.

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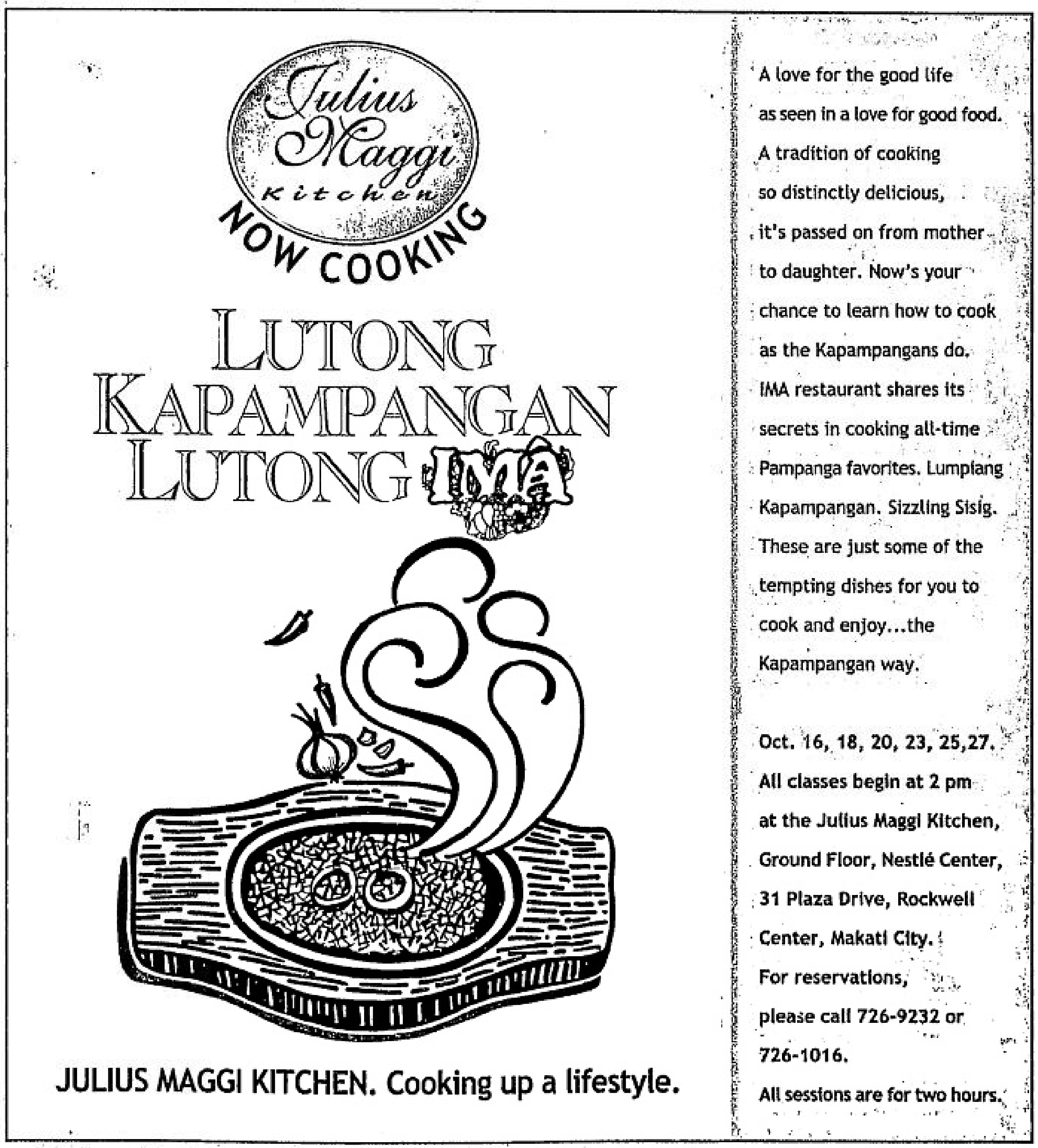

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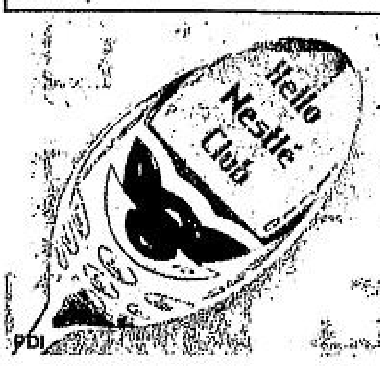

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IN GOOD TASTE

Doreen G. Fernandez

TAKE a gastronomic journey in one meal. This is the invitation extended by Mundial restaurant (181 Tomas Morato Ave., tel. 929-4603; mundialfoods@hotmail.com). The takeoff is from the word *mundial*, meaning worldwide or global in Spanish (as in football games and world wars).

The menu hops from country to country, with meals to suit: A taste of the national cuisines and their flavors. From Greece, for example, it has an Athenian plate—chicken kebabs, Greek rice and green salad with *feta* cheese, olives and tomatoes—and a Cretan one: Squid stuffed with tomatoes, garlic and olives, Greek rice and green salad with *feta*, olives and bell peppers.

Italy is represented by Capri—red snapper with pesto butter—and Florence—roulades of chicken stuffed with spinach, both served with *risotto al funghi* and tomato mozzarella salad.

Tijuana, Mexico is recalled through chicken, beef or vegetable *enchiladas*, Guadalajara by chicken, beef or vegetable tacos—both accompanied by pueblo rice and chili con carne.

Korean pork *bulgogi* or spicy squid come with steamed sesame rice and *kimchi*; Bangkok beef with basil and Chiang Mai red snapper with tamarind-ginger sauce come with *bagoong* rice (plus a secret spark of *daing*, we learned) and *kangkong* with oyster sauce.

The Philippines is well represented: Tondo-Tondo by pork barbecue, Kawit by squid barbecue, both with garlic rice and *kangkong* with oyster sauce. Batangas serves up beef *tapa*, and Laguna shredded pork *adobo*; both are accompanied by garlic rice and a salted egg salad.

In case one city a meal is not exciting enough for you, there are Sampler Plates with "two cities on one plate." The Greek sampler has both chicken kebab and stuffed squid; the Italian sampler both snapper and chicken Florentine; the Thai sampler both beef with basil and snapper with tamarind ginger sauce.

If all that bounty still does not zero in on your hungers of that moment, try the side orders: Chili con carne bowl, or homemade potato chips with a Caesar dip that holds up firmly and tastes good.

Soups the day we were there included French onion soup, three-mushroom cream soup and a healthy, healing minestrone with fresh vegetables—a garden in a bowl. It was accompanied by tiny pieces of bread that on closer examination proved to be bread sticks sliced crosswise.

The Mundial Oriental salad has crisp curls and leaves of hydroponic lettuce (grown by a friend), carrot and *jicama* sticks, tail-less bean sprouts, mandarin orange segments and a tangy sesame-soy dressing. The Caesar salad also uses hydroponic lettuce, as well as real Parmesan cheese.

Ten kinds of pasta,

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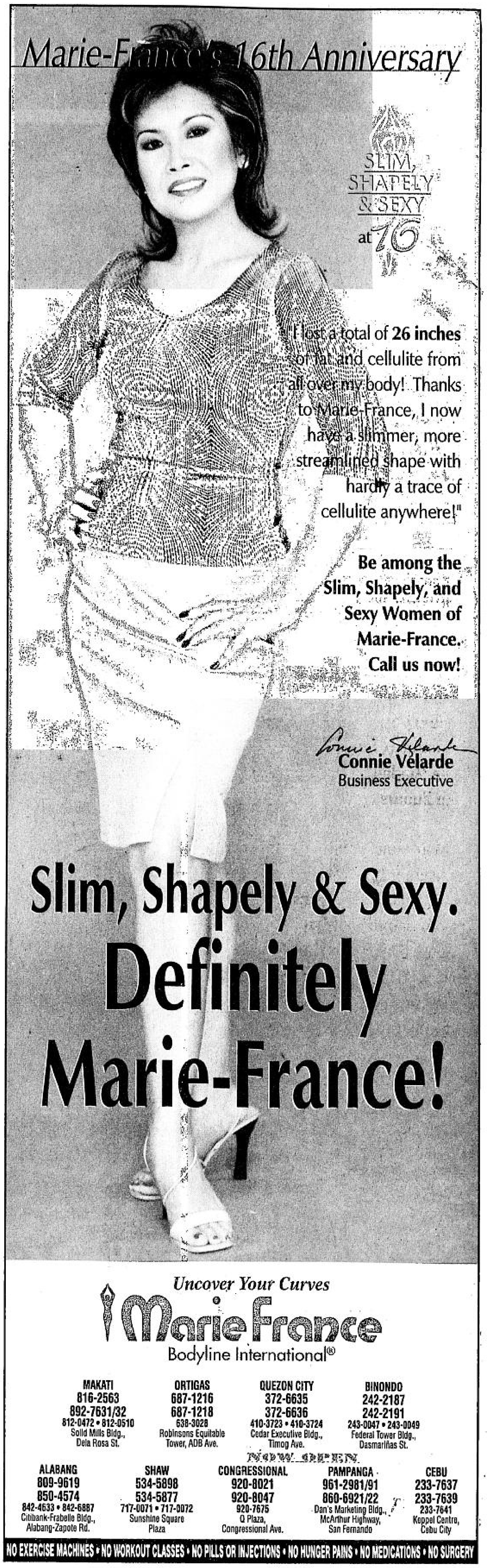

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